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Dan Richard
Chair, California High-Speed Rail Authority
770 L Street, Suite 620
Sacramento, CA 95814


Dear Chairman Richard:


As legislators representing portions of the San Fernando Valley affected by pending High-Speed Rail proposals in our area, we have had a number of conversations among ourselves in the last several months regarding the impact of the proposed High-Speed Rail routes on our respective districts. As a result, we have been able to agree collectively on principles that we hope will guide your work.

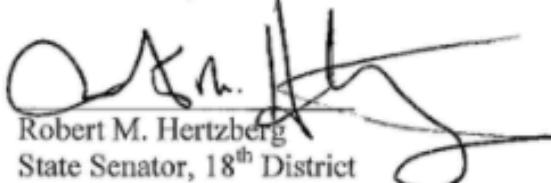
First we want to thank you and the rest of the Board for being responsive to the important community feedback regarding the original SR-14 alternative. Eliminating the original SR-14 alternative from consideration spared the communities surrounding it the negative impact it would have had.

Second, while we understand the legal requirement to maintain a range of route alternatives for the Authority's consideration, we all are in agreement that the Refined E2 alternative should be removed from consideration as well. The impact of this above and below ground route on our respective communities is not acceptable to any of us. Thank you in advance for your consideration of our position.

Sincerely,


Anthony J. Portantino
State Senator, 25th District


Raul Bocanegra
State Assemblymember, 39th District


Robert M. Hertzberg
State Senator, 18th District