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Dan Richard, Chair
California High Speed Rail Authority
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Dear Chairman Richard:

RE: ALTERNATIVE HIGH SPEED RAIL PROJECT ALIGNMENT

I am writing to advocate for the inclusion of an alternative alignment for the Palmdale-to-Burbank project segment of the California High Speed Rail study.

I strongly encourage the inclusion of an alternative alignment with the terminus in Palmdale and redirecting funding for the remaining segment of the High Speed Rail Alignment to investments in the existing Metrolink Antelope Valley Line. As a member of the Metrolink Board, I recognize that investment in this Line is the best alternative moving forward. I join with my colleague Los Angeles City Councilwoman Monica Rodriguez in my concern regarding the current proposed routes.

Councilwoman Rodriguez and I are requesting to meet with you and present this proposal. I firmly believe it is the only option that best addresses our transportation needs while protecting our communities.

It is important to recognize that the hillside communities of the current proposed alignments are home to residential neighborhoods, open spaces, and hiking and equestrian trails. These communities and the Angeles National Forest are vital resources within Los Angeles County and must be protected. The proposed alternative would provide connectivity for a High Speed Rail Line alignment, while enhancing and growing the capacity of the existing commuter service line within the region.

Thank you in advance for your immediate attention to this important matter, and I look forward to hearing from you in coordinating the meeting.

Sincerely,

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