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Mr. Dan Richard  
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California High-Speed Rail Authority  
770 L Street, Suite 800  
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Dear Mr. Richard:

I write to convey my concern and that of my constituents regarding the California High Speed Rail Authority's proposed alternative corridor through the Angeles National Forest. A large number of my constituents have reached out to me to express their views on this alternative proposal to carry the high speed rail between Palmdale and Burbank, and I ask that you ensure their comments are seriously considered and addressed.

I have been a strong supporter of the California High Speed Rail since its inception, and believe a statewide high speed rail system will help to reduce congestion on our highways and lower greenhouse gas emissions. That said, there are a number of concerns that arise if the high speed rail were to run through the Angeles National Forest. Constructing a tunnel through the forest and the City of Burbank could cause noise pollution and lower air quality in the communities the high speed rail passes through, as well as be detrimental to the environment and wildlife.

I understand that these matters have been raised with the California High Speed Rail Authority by my constituents and other stakeholders. I share these concerns and ask that you make sure that they are taken into strong consideration when determining the route between Palmdale and Burbank. Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Adam B. Schiff".

**ADAM B. SCHIFF**  
Member of Congress