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The Honorable Tina McKinnor
California State Assembly
1021 O Street, Room 5520
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1510 (McKinnor) SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember McKinnor:

On behalf of the Members of the (ORGANIZATION), I am writing to express our strong support of AB 1510 (McKinnor), which would makes changes, including technical or conforming, to existing laws relating to state employee pay and benefits, and employer-employee relations at the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (SCVTA).

Unlike other state statutes governing public employer-employee relations, the current SCVTA employer-employee relations law does not authorize a party aggrieved by a decision or order of the PERB to be able to appeal that decision or order to a court of competent jurisdiction. As such, an aggrieved party is not afforded an opportunity to seek further redress of the matter.

AB 1510 is a cleanup bill that repeals an obsolete law, i.e., certain pay and benefits to state employees relating to the Bosnia crisis, amends various existing laws that reference this obsolete law, and extends from 365 to 760 days certain pay and benefits to those ordered to active duty on or after September 11, 2001, as a result of the War on Terrorism. In addition, this bill would add a necessary provision to the existing SCVTA employer-employee relations statute by authorizing a party aggrieved by a decision or order of the PERB to be able to appeal that decision or order in a court of competent jurisdiction. This addition is substantially similar to provisions that currently exist in, and apply to, other statewide collective bargaining statutes.

(DISCUSS WHY YOU AND/OR YOUR ORGANIZATION SUPPORT THIS BILL.)

Thank you for your continued leadership on this issue.

Sincerely,

NAME
ORGANIZATION
CONTACT INFORMATION

cc: The Honorable (Chair Name), Chair, (Name of Committee)
Members of the (Name of Committee)