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Assembly Member Laura Friedman
Chair of the Assembly Transportation Committee
California State Capitol
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AB2197 (Mullin) – Seamless Transit Transformation Act – Support

Dear Assembly Member Mullin,

[Name of Your Organization] is proud to support AB2197, your bill to provide \$260 Million for the completion of the Caltrain Electrification project.

The project will modernize the 150-year-old rail corridor, replacing 75 percent of the existing diesel fleet with high-performance electric trains. The project will provide more efficient service for riders with increased frequency and reduced travel times, short- and long-term capacity growth potential, and smoother, quieter rides with enhanced amenities for passengers. And the project will reduce greenhouse gas emissions along the electrified corridor, helping the state reach its greenhouse gas emissions reductions goals.

The project has broad support from the public and private sectors, including regional, state, and federal elected officials, and the 21 local jurisdictions along the Caltrain corridor. The project also has immense support from San Francisco Bay area employers.

The project has been funded with federal, state, and local funds, totaling \$1.98 billion. However, due to a number of circumstances, including construction cost increases stemming from the COVID-19 pandemic, unforeseen site conditions in the 150-year-old right-of-way and a settlement with the contractor, the cost to complete the project has increased.

The board has secured some additional funding from the federal government and is pursuing additional federal and local funds to complete the project. It will need additional state funding to finish the project.

Sincerely,

Your Name and Title