

**Congress of the United States**  
**Washington, DC 20515**

May 11, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger, Governor  
State of California  
State Capitol Building  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger,

We write to urge you to reconsider the deep cuts to transit funding contained in your proposed 2007-08 budget. With the recent collapse of the I-580 interchange in the East Bay and the subsequent increased role that transit has played and will play in moving people around the Bay Area, we are reminded of our communities' reliance on public transportation. It is vital that the state's budget provides for both the current and future needs of transit operators across the state and appropriately reflect its importance to our state's economy.

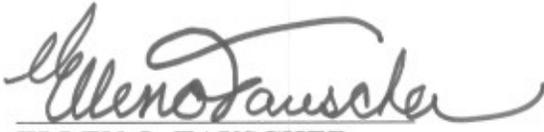
Providing 1.4 billion rides a year, our state's public transit systems reduce congestion on our roadways and reduce commute times for Californians across the state. In addition, viable public transit options are helping our state fight against harmful greenhouse gas emissions and are critical tools in meeting federal and state air quality attainment laws.

Unfortunately, your proposed budget will severely limit the effectiveness of our state's public transit systems and does not live up to the promise of Proposition 1B for increased funding for transit services and capital investment. Instead of using the budget to shift General Fund obligations to the Public Transportation Account, you should use the process as a way to support the wishes of Californians and make meaningful investments in the expansion of the state's transit systems.

As you prepare your May Revise, we respectfully request that you abandon efforts to shift General Fund obligations to the Public Transportation Account, support current law allocations to the State Transit Assistance Program and make a real commitment to the expansion of transit in our state by making a substantial obligation of Proposition 1B funds to California's transit operators.

Thank you for your consideration. We look forward to continuing to work with you to support the development of California's 21<sup>st</sup> century transportation systems.

Sincerely,



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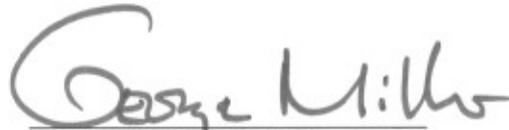
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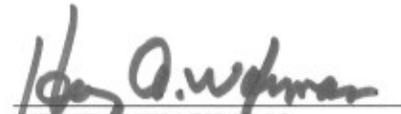
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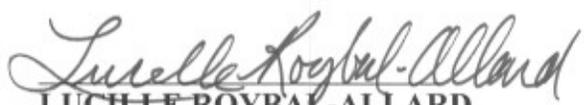
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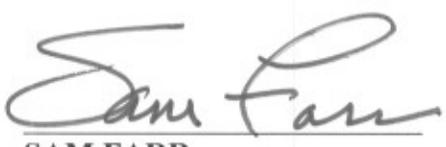
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