



March 8, 2013

Ms. Mary Nichols
Chair, California Air Resources Board
1001 I Street
Sacramento CA 95814

RE: Investment plan for cap-and-trade auction revenues

Dear Chair Nichols:

Californians For High Speed Rail (CA4HSR) is a grassroots, statewide coalition of high-speed rail (HSR) supporters advocating for the HSR project approved by California voters in November 2008. Founded in 2005, we educate and organize Californians about ways they can help make HSR a reality in this state.

We encourage you to strongly consider applying a significant portion of Cap and Trade revenues to California's high-speed rail project as part of the overall investment in public transportation. There is a great opportunity to match any Cap and Trade funds with remaining Proposition 1A bond funds, essentially doubling any committed funds.

Specifically, Californians For High Speed Rail believes that Cap and Trade funds can provide critical funds to close the passenger rail gap between Bakersfield and Palmdale. With approximately \$4 billion remaining in Proposition 1A after the initial construction in the Central Valley and early investments in the urban "bookends", Cap and Trade funds along with any other possible funding sources being considered could be used to complete this critical link in the State's rail system.

Thank you for your consideration.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Daniel Krause". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Daniel Krause, President & Executive Director
Californians For High Speed Rail

Cc:

The Honorable Edmund G. Brown, Jr., Governor
Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi
Senator Dianne Feinstein
Senator Barbara Boxer
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