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Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0509

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The Honorable Rosa DeLauro
Chairwoman
Committee on Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
H-307 The Capitol
Washington, DC 20515

The Honorable Kay Granger
Ranking Member
Committee of Appropriations
U.S. House of Representatives
1036 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Chair DeLauro and Ranking Member Granger:

I am requesting funding in the amount of \$1,500,000 for the ACE Locomotive Zero Emission Engine Conversion Project in the fiscal year 2022 Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

The project sponsor for this project San Joaquin Regional Rail Commission, located at 949 E. Channel St., Stockton, CA 95202.

The ACE Locomotive Zero Emission Engine Conversion Project will repower ACE's existing legacy F40PH-3C locomotives to zero emission, including restoring two (2) nonfunctional locomotives to be returned to service. These locomotives are necessary to ensure sufficient locomotives are available to operate the full envisioned Valley Rail service while having sufficient backup locomotives available for use during overhauls. In addition, when paired with ACE's Tier IV Siemens Charger locomotives, the zero-emission locomotives will provide additional traction and head end power to reduce the power needed to be provided by the Chargers with a resulting decrease in emissions and fuel use.

The project will represent a good use of taxpayer dollars by increasing the reliability and cost savings of the ACE service. The re-powered locomotives will provide residents a reliable transportation option throughout the San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area. Increasing the number of available locomotives for revenue service will reduce congestion on the major highways within the region. The increased reliability and connectivity for residents will help mitigate the statewide interregional travel forecast increase by 50.9 percent, to 544.7 million two-way trips annually by 2040. Over 150 million of those trips are expected to originate or terminate in, or pass through, Sacramento and the San Joaquin Valley. The proposed project would provide project benefits that include reducing Vehicle Miles Traveled (VMT) and associated regional traffic, air quality emissions, and GHG emissions, as well as increasing ridership.

I certify that neither I nor my immediate family has any financial interest in this project.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Jerry McNerney", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jerry McNerney
Member of Congress