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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 North Lathrop Multi-Modal Transfer Station in the fiscal year 2022 Subcommittee on Transportation, Housing and Urban Development, and Related Agencies Appropriations Bill.

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

The North Lathrop Station will be constructed in the northern portion of Lathrop, on presently vacant federal land that is part of the 724-acre U.S. Department of Defense Sharpe Army Depot. The Station is required to facilitate the extension of the ACE service to Sacramento and Ceres/Merced. To provide ACE service at this new station, new station tracks and a station platform will be constructed to allow trains to pull into the station and passengers to board and disembark the train. A pedestrian overcrossing will be constructed between the surface parking area and the station platform, crossing over the railroad tracks. To meet parking demands generated by ACE service at this new station, a new surface parking lot will be constructed on approximately 6.9 acres directly east of the station platform on the southern portion of the Sharpe Army Depot.

The North Lathrop Transfer Station will represent a good use of taxpayer dollars by increasing the frequency and reliability of the ACE service. The Transfer Station will provide residents a reliable transportation option throughout the San Joaquin Valley and Bay Area. The project will reduce congestion on the major highways within the region. The increased 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,

Jerry McNerney

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