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Subject: CHSRA

To whom it may concern,

I am a resident of the city of Tracy CA who works in San Jose so I have been closely following the discussions over which path the future of California's HST should run. I am aware that two route proposals are currently being considered by the CHSRA - a route through Pacheco Pass and a route from Tracy through the Altamont Pass. In light of the CHSRA's pending decision on this matter, I would like to express my deep concern and disappointment with regards to the lobbying and propaganda some of our Bay Area city and local government leaders have initiated. I'm sorry to see that some of these individuals seem more concerned about using the proposed HST as a status symbol for their cities and counties rather than as a means to relieve the impacts of California's current and projected traffic trends.

I invite any of those Bay Area leaders, as well as anyone from the CHSRA who feel that the Pacheco Pass route is more in line with California's short and long term planning objectives to join me on my daily commute from Tracy to San Jose. As a concerned citizen and tax payer, I wish to underscore the need there is right now (not just later) for an efficient means of transportation to alleviate the mass migration that occurs here daily as people commute from their Central Valley homes to their jobs in the Bay Area. Please, I urge you, choose the future route of California's HST based on what is needed by this great state rather than by what is wanted by a select (but very influential few). The Altamont Pass route is the only alternative on the table that is truly in line with our mission to most effectively address the short and long term transportation needs of this state.

Most sincerely,

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