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Senator Catherine Blakespear and other members of the California State Legislature,

I have reviewed in detail the Senate Bill 1098 LOSSAN Working Group's recommendations and take exception with their recommendation to create a new statutory exemption from CEQA for railroad-related activities and infrastructure projects (Recommendation 4.1 (3)).

The CEQA environmental review process of projects like those the LOSSAN Working Group is addressing is critical to evaluating environmental impacts to and ensuring the protection of the numerous environmentally sensitive areas in California that the railroad tracks traverse, including the 351-mile LOSSAN Corridor from San Luis Obispo to San Diego.

I am very concerned that such an exemption would eliminate a critical part of the planning process to ensure that all potential environmental impacts are fully addressed and that mitigation, including project changes and selecting less impactful project alternatives are required to avoid adverse environmental impacts, particularly to the coastal environment of Southern California.

Please do not support any new statutory exemptions for

railroad related activities and construction projects and reject this recommendation from the Working Group.

**Regards,
Betsy Milich**