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Dear Members of the SB 125 Task Force,

I am writing on behalf of the members of the Rail Passenger Association of California and Nevada (RailPAC) an all-volunteer statewide organization that advocates for the improvement of regional/commuter and intercity passenger rail service.

RailPAC would like to thank the Task Force for your efforts to improve how California funds, builds, and operates transit. The final report should be a call-to-action from the state government on these key elements needed to ensure a successful and sustainable public transportation system:

- **Operating Funding:** California is one of the only major states without a dedicated source of money to run transit service. Without it, agencies face a funding cliff that could devastate service. The report needs to emphasize actionable, specific recommendations of where future funding could come from. Both local transit, and regional passenger rail services such as Metrolink and Caltrain, deserve a more steady stream of state operational funding to lessen the financial burden on counties and provide more year-to-year funding certainty.
- **Capital Project Reform:** California public transportation and rail capital projects are funded piecemeal from many different grant sources, yet we do not consistently fund comprehensive multi-year upgrade plans, and we award construction funding before the full risks of a project are even known – all factors leading to our sky-high costs. The report needs to encourage proven best practices that save money and deliver projects faster (such as those described in the recent Californians for Electric Rail [“Against Patchwork Funding” report](#) ).
- **Fare & Service Integration:** Riders need seamless, coordinated networks, especially between regional passenger trains and local transit options. The recommendations do not go far enough in mandating that agencies work collaboratively to schedule their services.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Best Regards,

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