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Dear Chairman Pringle:

The Board of Directors at the Madera County Farm Bureau expresses its support for the proposed High Speed Rail Route A-2. We believe that this route achieves many positive objectives for our community:

1. Proposed Route A-2 is in accordance with the goals of the charter for California High Speed Rail, as this alignment is located on an existing transportation corridor
2. It creates opportunity for the cities of Madera and Chowchilla to create a mitigation package that will be beneficial by funding redevelopment projects and reinvigorating blighted areas
3. Increases Madera County's eligibility for a maintenance facility by narrowing route selection to an alignment that may facilitate services needed to support such a facility
4. Proposed Route A-2 imposes the least impacts on farmland and the agribusiness community

We encourage the High Speed Rail Authority to eliminate proposed Route A-3, as the Madera County Board of Supervisors unanimously passed a resolution on Tuesday, January 5, 2010 in opposition to alignments which create new transportation corridors, and in support of utilizing existing corridors. In our previous letter, dated December 10, 2009, we expressed our strong opposition to proposed Route A-3, and many comment cards have been submitted from Madera County citizens reflecting this view.

Sincerely,

JIM ERICKSON  
 President  
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