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The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
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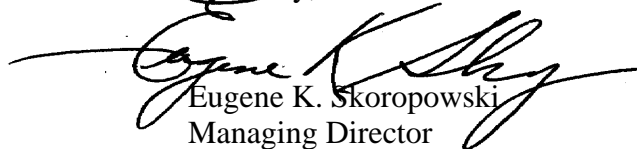
Dear Senator Feinstein,

I am writing to request your assistance and support for full funding of the \$50 million authorized by the Rail Safety Improvement Act of 2008 (PL110-432 Section 105: Railroad Safety Technology Grants) in the FY2010 Budget.

The Rail Safety Bill of 2008 included a \$250 million funding program for technology grants to railroads for the deployment of train control technologies, train control component technologies, processor-based technologies and other new safety technologies, with the intent that this program would help fund implementation of Positive Train Control (PTC), by authorizing grant programs of \$50 million per year for the next five years. However, the President's recently released FFY 10 budget does not include this critically needed grant program. The implementation of PTC in California, where passenger trains share congested rail corridors with freight railroads, is the top rail safety priority of the State. Without adequate federal funding, the rail operators cannot achieve their goals of implementing significant portions of PTC by 2012 in the Los Angeles basin and meet the federal mandate of complete PTC installation by 2015 statewide.

Thank you for your continued efforts to fully fund this program vital to improving the safety of our rail network. The CCJPA greatly appreciates your leadership on this critical issue.

Sincerely,



Eugene K. Skoropowski
Managing Director

cc: The Honorable Alan Lowenthal, Chair - California Senate Transportation and Housing Committee
The Honorable Mike Eng, Chair - California Senate Assembly Committee on Transportation
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