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July 8, 2020

San Mateo County Supervisor Dave Pine, Chair
Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board of Directors
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San Carlos, CA 94070

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Sincerely,

Michael Miller
ARASA National Representative

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Juan Estrada
General Chairman
District 19, IAMAW

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William DeCarlo
National Vice President/Legislative Director
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Michael Pistone
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