SAMTRANS
CORRESPONDENCE
as of 3-27-2020
March 27, 2020

The Honorable Anna Eshoo
United States House of Representatives
202 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Eshoo:

On behalf of the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Authority (Caltrain), the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), and the San Mateo County Transportation Authority (Transportation Authority), I write to thank you for your tremendous support of public transportation funding included in the "Coronavirus Aid, Relief, and Economic Security Act" or the CARES Act.

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Sincerely,

[Signature]

Jim Hartnett
Executive Director/General Manager/Chief Executive Officer
March 27, 2020

The Honorable Dianne Feinstein
United States Senate
331 Hart Senate Office Building
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Feinstein:

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The Honorable Kamala Harris  
United States Senate  
112 Hart Senate Office Building  
Washington, DC 20510

Dear Senator Harris:

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The Honorable Ro Khanna
United States House of Representatives
221 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Khanna:

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The Honorable Zoe Lofgren  
United States House of Representatives  
1401 Longworth House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Lofgren:

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I hope you and your family are well. Best
March 27, 2020

The Honorable Jimmy Panetta  
United States House of Representatives  
212 Cannon House Office Building  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congressman Panetta:

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The Honorable Nancy Pelosi
United States House of Representatives
1236 Longworth Hall of Business
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Speaker Pelosi:

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Thank you so much. So desperately needed. We can’t thank you enough.
March 27, 2020

The Honorable Jackie Speier  
United States House of Representatives  
2465 Rayburn Hall of Business  
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Congresswoman Speier:

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