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United States Senate

January 13, 2023

Toks Omishakin, Secretary California State Transportation Agency 400 Capitol Mall, Suite 2340 Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Secretary Omishakin,

I am writing in support of Caltrain's application for funding from the Cycle. 6 Transit and Intercity Rail Capital Program (TIRCP) Existing Projects Reserve to complete the Caltrain Electrification Project. These critical resources would help ensure that Caltrain is able to complete the project by fall of 2024, and bring significant benefits to the communities along the rail corridor.

This ambitious project to transition Caltrain's legacy diesel fleet to cleaner, quieter, more efficient electric trains has been in construction since 2017, continuing through the COVID-19 pandemic. Though there have been setbacks, Caltrain has already received delivery of four of the new trains and has begun testing. Additionally, the Overhead Contact System being installed has a dual benefit, as California High-Speed Rail service will operate on Caltrain tracks, making this the first electrified section of that greater California-wide project.

As Caltrain is nearing completion of this important regional infrastructure upgrade, I urge you to give this application your full consideration. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact my San Francisco office at (415) 393-0707.

Sincerely,

Dianne Feinstein
United States Senator

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