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August 13, 2024

The Honorable Amit Bose  
Administrator  
Federal Railroad Administration  
1200 New Jersey Ave SE  
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements Program

Dear Administrator Bose:

I support the California Air Resources Board's (CARB) application for the Fiscal Year 2023-2024 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvements (CRISI) Program to advance the *2024 Go Zero-Emission Rail Operation Project*.

This major project is focused on the procurement of nine zero emission (ZE) locomotives to be used in and near the San Pedro Bay Ports Complex – the busiest seaport complex in the Western Hemisphere. CARB is requesting \$36,500,000 total in CRISI grant funding, while Pacific Harbor Line (PHL), a project partner that has demonstrated a strong commitment to reducing emissions from their operations in the port complex, is contributing \$6,300,000 toward the project and will own and operate five of the nine ZE locomotives. CARB and PHL, which is currently demonstrating the success of a battery electric switcher locomotive in the San Pedro Ports Complex, are well equipped to take on this transformative project.

In addition to demonstrating new and innovative technologies and enhancing the efficiency of goods moved through the San Pedro Bay Ports Complex, the *2024 Go Zero-Emission Rail Operation Project* is also instrumental toward improving air quality in the disadvantaged communities surrounding the ports. Through this project, CARB is estimated to eliminate 28.5 tons of smog-forming nitrogen oxide, 0.535 tons of fine particulate matter, and 590 metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent annually. The projected emission reductions from this project will significantly benefit the health and quality of life of communities that have been disproportionately harmed by railroad pollution for decades, while also aligning with the Biden Administration's Justice40 initiative.

As the Representative of California's 44<sup>th</sup> Congressional District, which includes the Port of Los Angeles and the adjacent communities of the Los Angeles Harbor area, I respectfully request your thorough consideration of CARB's proposal for the CRISI Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nanette Diaz Barragán". The signature is written in a cursive style.

Nanette Barragán  
Member of Congress