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August 18, 2015

The Honorable Marc Levine California Assembly State Capitol Building, Room 2141 Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: <u>ABX1 9 (Levine): Richmond-San Rafael Bridge — SUPPORT</u>

Dear Assembly Member Levine:

As Chair of the Board of Supervisors of Contra Costa County, I wish to convey my support of your bill, ABX1 9.

This bill would require the department, immediately, or as soon as practically feasible, but no later than September 30, 2015, to implement an operational improvement project that temporarily restores the third eastbound lane on State Highway Route 580 from the beginning of the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge in the County of Marin to Marine Street in the County of Contra Costa to automobile traffic and that temporarily converts a specified portion of an existing one-way bicycle lane along the north side of State Highway Route 580 in the County of Contra Costa into a bidirectional bicycle and pedestrian lane. The bill would require the department to keep the temporary lanes in place until the department has completed a specified project relating to the Richmond-San Rafael Bridge or until construction activity for that project necessitates removal of the temporary lanes.

ABX1 9 may be most helpful to Contra Costa County residents returning in the evening rush hours, just as it will benefit our commuting residents in the morning to Marin County and elsewhere. For these reasons, I support this bill and wish you success in its enactment.

Sincerely,

JOHN GIOIA Chair, Board of Supervisors

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