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February 20, 2019



Fran Inman
Chair, California Transportation Commission
1120 N Street, MS-52
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Re: CalTrans' Last Chance Grade Project


Dear Ms. Inman:

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Sincerely,

Dale A. Miller
Chairman

cc: Elk Valley Tribal Council





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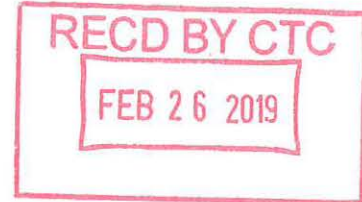
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Sincerely,

Donna DeWolf,
Executive Board President
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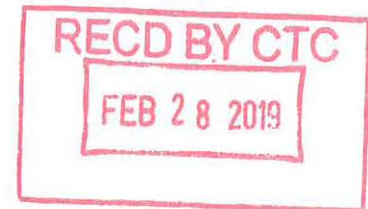
Lori L. Cowan, Chair
Del Norte County, California

STAND FOR
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100 YEARS IS JUST THE BEGINNING

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As a science-based organization that has been protecting, restoring, and connecting people to California's redwoods for 100 years, Save the Redwoods League understands the significance of these geotechnical and environmental studies in moving the project towards careful analysis of the preferred project alternatives. Full funding will ensure the coastal highway does not experience a major failure or require continuation of the constant maintenance of the past several decades.

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Lori L. Cowan, Chair
Del Norte County, California

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February 27, 2019

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I am writing in strong support of the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') request for \$40 million to fully fund the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase of the Last Chance Grade project on U.S. Highway 101 between Klamath and Crescent City. As you are aware, this funding will augment \$10 million programmed to perform preliminary geotechnical and environmental studies. Caltrans has made good use of preliminary funding to advance the project quickly and efficiently in response to growing State and Federal concern with the possibility of this alignment. The first of three phases of geotechnical studies is complete and environmental studies are beginning this summer. Full funding will ensure our only north/south artery does not experience a major failure or require continuation of the constant maintenance.

Our Dairy relies on Highway 101 for movement of our milk and eggs on a daily basis to the Bay Area. With over \$150,000 a week in raw and packaged goods being transported, and the continuously shrinking Dairy economy, we do not have the ability to weather a highway failure that would divert our vehicles 320 miles.

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As you are aware, a significant failure at Last Chance Grade would force a detour of approximately 320 miles – about six to eight detours for our trucks hauling milk, eggs and cattle. According to a 2018 economic study, a full closure would cost the regional economy an estimated \$456 million per year in business output, \$417 million in higher travel expenses, and 3,800 jobs

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Sincerely,

Blake Alexandre
Alexandre Family Farm



Friends of Del Norte

Committed to our environment since 1973

*A nonprofit, membership based conservation group
Advocating sound environmental policies for our region.
PO Box 144, Crescent City CA 95531*

March 6, 2019

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1120 N Street, MS-52, Sacramento, CA 95814



Dear Ms. Inman:

The Friends of Del Norte (FODN) strongly supports the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans') request for \$40 million to fully fund the Project Approval and Environmental Document phase of the Last Chance Grade project on U.S. Highway 101 between Klamath and Crescent City. It is essential to have a thoughtful well planned project within an area of world renowned ecological value, our old growth Redwood Coastal forest. FODN is part of the Last Chance Grade Stakeholders group convened by Congressman Jared Huffman, D-San Rafael, which is made up of representatives of county governments, tribes, environmental groups, landowners, business and transportation interests that agree a new alignment is necessary. Caltrans is also working closely with resource and permitting agencies and tribes to address environmental and cultural concerns in advance.

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Sincerely, Eileen Cooper, vice president, on behalf of the FODN board and membership

Janet Gilbert

2361 Elk Valley Rd

Crescent City, CA 95531

March 3, 2019



Dear California Transportation Commission.

I'm writing to request that the California Transportation Commission approve CalTrans' request for forty million dollars in funding to study the environmental parameters for alternative routes and repair scenarios for Highway 101 at Last Chance Grade.

Even as I write this letter, Last Chance Grade is one way traffic only after another slide occurred due to the recent strong rains both in rainfall per day, and length of days the storm moved over us. I am fortunate that I didn't have need of leaving the area. My husband, however, chose to leave via Hwy 199 rather than risk further slide on Hwy 101. He cut back over to the Hwy 101 South going into Santa Maria (his ultimate destination was Ventura).

Del Norte County needs Hwy 101 to be accessible and open year round. Our livelihoods, our food supplies, our economies depend on the moving of people and products up and down the 101. The funding you provide will be put to good use studying geotechnical and environmental issues relating to the present alignment of the highway and alternative routes that may prove more secure and require less on-going maintenance.

I thank you in advance for considering this request and I hope that you will see fit to approve the request. Thank you from Crescent City.

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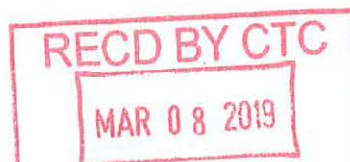
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1919-2019 HONORING THE PAST,
LOOKING TO THE FUTURE.

February 19, 2019

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Dear Ms. Inman:

My name is Baird Rumiano and I am the President, and third-generation owner of Rumiano Cheese Company, a family-owned business headquartered in California since 1919. Our manufacturing facility is in Crescent City, and Last Chance Grade is vital artery to much of our milk supply coming from Humboldt County. Rumiano Cheese Company has been producing internationally award-winning cheese for 100 years, and both the cheese company and the dairy producers need a reliable road between Crescent City and Humboldt County to maintain that tradition.

The economic impact of a landslide and road closure at Last Chance Grade would be catastrophic to both Humboldt County milk producers and Rumiano Cheese Co. The payroll for the milk produced in Humboldt County is \$20,000,000 per year, while the payroll for the employees who manufacture the cheese in Crescent City is \$2,300,000 for 42 employees. Without the use of highway 101 between Crescent City and Humboldt County both, the producers and the cheese company would go out of business.

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President
Rumiano Cheese Company

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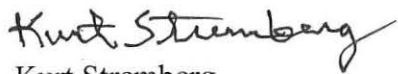
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Kurt Stremberg
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February 23, 2019



Congressman Jared Huffman, via
John Driscoll, District Representative
Jared Huffman's Field Office
317 Third Street, Suite 1
Eureka, CA 95501

RE: LETTER OF SUPPORT FOR CTC TO APPROVE \$40 MILLION FOR
FUNDING FOR LAST CHANGE GRADE

Dear Sirs:

This letter is respectfully asking the California Transportation Commission (CTC) for \$40 million to complete the environmental work needed for alternatives to Last Chance Grade, just south of Crescent City, CA, on Highway 101. The funding will augment \$10 million programmed to perform preliminary geotechnical and environmental studies. Caltrans has made good use of preliminary funding to advance the project. The first of three phases of geotechnical studies is complete and environmental studies are beginning this summer. Full funding will ensure the coastal highway does not experience a major failure or require continuation of the constant maintenance of the past several decades.

A couple lost their lives several years ago when the road gave way to the sea when they were in their car traveling back from Eureka where they had delivered their student son to Humboldt State University. I own and operate a fine arts gallery in Crescent City and me, my, and other businesses, are dependent upon safe road travel on Highway 101, over Last Chance Grade. Please approve the \$40 million funding for the necessary environmental work. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely yours,

Barbara Burke

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March 4, 2019

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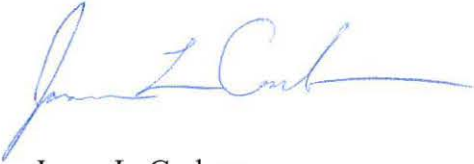
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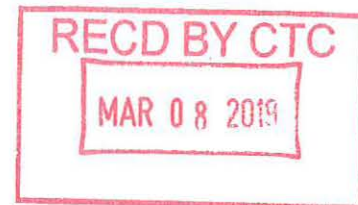


Jason L. Carlson
Vice President and General Manager
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Sincerely,

Thomas Wheeler

February 20, 2019

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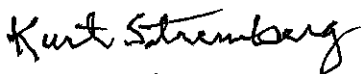
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As a school district, we are responsible for the education of each of our students, including home to school transportation. We have one school in the Klamath area, Margaret Keating Elementary School, that serves grades TK-6. These students are some of the most at-risk and historically underserved in the state and transportation plays a large role in getting them to school, providing nutritious breakfast and lunch, and allowing extended learning opportunities. On February 25 & 26, our community felt, for a short time, the impact of a closure of Highway 101 at Last Chance

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Sincerely,



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As the Superintendent for Schools for the Del Norte County Office of Education, I would like to convey the extreme urgency of this project. Del Norte County has some the State's highest rates of child abuse, neglect, domestic violence, suicidal ideation, poverty, and homeless and foster youth. While the County Office of Education works closely with the District to ensure supports for each affected youth, the untenable situation at Last Chance Grade puts some of our most at-risk youth at great risk. Highway 101 is the only thoroughfare that allows access to the

community of Klamath from Crescent City, which is where my office and our support services are located. The only other institutional supports would be located in Humboldt County, which is more than an hour and half from the vicinity of the school. Food, medical, dental, mental health, and other services are also primarily provided in or near Crescent City, and the loss of access to those services due to the loss of access on Highway 101 would create a huge negative impact to the students and families of our county. Even as of now, some families are so concerned with the continued maintenance and recent failures of the grade, that they have placed their children at alternative schools, simply to avoid the daily commute to Crescent City.

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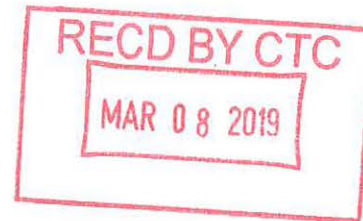
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February 26, 2019

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Cordially,

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Tamera Leighton, Executive Director
Del Norte Local Transportation Commission

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28 February, 2019

Fran Inman, Chair
California Transportation Commission
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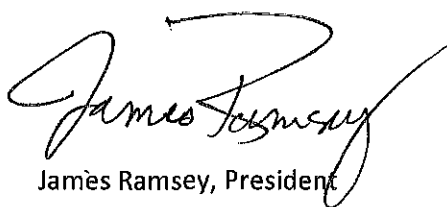
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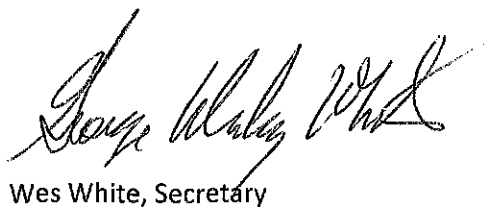
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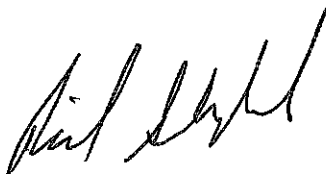
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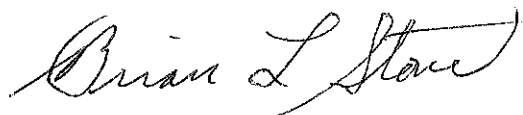
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March 5, 2019

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California Transportation Commission
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Re: Funding for Last Chance Grade



Dear Chair Inman:

I would like to express my support of the Caltrans request for \$40 million to fully fund the Project Approval and Environmental Document (PA&ED) phase of the Last Chance Grade project on US 101 between Klamath and Crescent City. Full funding will ensure the coastal highway does not experience a major failure or require continuation of the constant and costly maintenance of the past several decades.

Expenditures of this magnitude may seem challenging to make in a rural area where fewer people are impacted than in urban areas. However, as a rural RTPA, we at MCOG understand just how critical this project is to the circulation and economic stability of the North Coast. If one route closes in a rural area, there are often no feasible alternate routes like there are in urban areas. A closure of US 101 at Last Chance Grade results in a detour of approximately 320 miles. According to a 2018 economic study, a full, long-term closure would cost the regional economy an estimated \$456 million per year in business output, \$417 million in higher travel expenses, and 3,800 jobs.

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Sincerely,

Nephele S. Barrett
Executive Director

cc: John Driscoll, District Representative, Congressman Jared Huffman
Tamera Leighton, Del Norte LTC



YUROK TRIBE

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Joseph L. James
Yurok Tribe Chairman



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February 26, 2019

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March 4, 2019



Fran Inman
Chair, California Transportation Commission
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Dear Ms. Inman:

I am writing to support the California Department of Transportation's (Caltrans) request for \$40 million to complete environmental work on a potential long-term solution to Last Chance Grade on U.S. Highway 101, a crucial transportation project in my congressional district. Attached you will find letters from a variety of organizations, many of who are represented on my Last Chance Grade Stakeholders Group, which was convened in 2014. These letters signify unprecedented support for a project vital to the North Coast's economy and the safety of the travelling public.

Over the last 20 years, \$86 million has been spent in maintenance and repairs at Last Chance Grade, including \$56 million from the federal emergency relief program since 2010. Caltrans has worked heroically to keep the route open, but serious problems persist. Highway failure at Last Chance Grade would force a detour of 320 miles and cost the regional economy about \$456 million per year in business, \$417 million in travel expenses, and 3,800 jobs.

Because of the severity of the problem, I formed a stakeholder group of county governments, tribes, environmental groups, landowners, business and transportation interests that agree a new alignment is necessary. Caltrans is also working closely with resource and permitting agencies and tribes to address environmental and cultural concerns in advance. These groups are closely analyzing options for a new alignment that carefully consider safety and impacts to natural and cultural resources.

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Sincerely,

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Member of Congress

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February 19, 2019

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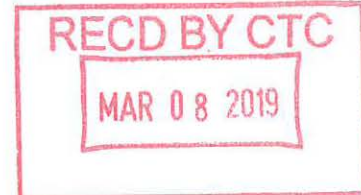


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