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SACRAMENTO, CALIFORNIA
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The Honorable Toni Atkins
President Pro Tempore
California State Senate

The Honorable Nancy Skinner
Chair, Senate Budget Committee
California State Senate

RE: Governor Newsom's Infrastructure Budget Trailer Bills expediting Delta Conveyance Project

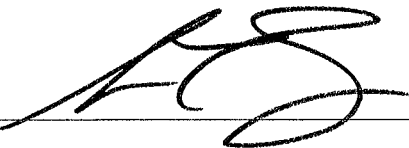

Dear President Pro Tem Atkins and Chair Skinner,

We want to thank you for your leadership in ensuring the Governor's infrastructure package is not rubber stamped through the Senate. The informational hearings in the Senate and Assembly demonstrated that there are no urgent circumstances that justify moving these proposals through the legislature at breakneck speed and bypassing the policy committee process through which they can receive the scrutiny that is appropriate.

The hearings also illustrated the widespread concern among legislators in both houses that some of the infrastructure trailer bills could pave the way for the controversial Delta Conveyance Project. For well over a decade the Legislature has purposefully avoided adopting provisions that would facilitate isolated conveyance projects in the Delta. This iteration of the Delta tunnel saga should be no different. The proposed project is extraordinarily costly and its decade-plus construction time would disrupt an entire region, leaving many disadvantaged and culturally significant communities forever altered.

We are unified in our opposition to the inclusion of any trailer bill provision that would expedite this misguided and ill-fated project. Thank you for your continued vigilance and support on this important issue.

Sincerely,

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