

Assemblyman Jim Patterson
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Re: SUPPORT – Assembly Bill 1138- High Speed Rail Farm and Homeowner Protection Act

Dear Assemblyman Patterson:

I am writing in support of AB 1138, the High Speed Rail Farm and Homeowner Protection Act, which would require the California High Speed Rail Authority to disclose all sources of funding along with the projected timeline of acquiring those funds before moving forward with eminent domain proceedings.

With an issue as serious as taking the homes and livelihoods from families who live and work in the bullet train's Right of Way, Californians being forced to give up their land should have a guarantee that the land will not be taken in vain. To this day, funding to complete the first section of the project has not been solidified. State bond funds are inaccessible, federal funds are dwindling, and we have yet to see the private investments initially promised.

AB 1138 will ensure transparency and accountability by the California High Speed Rail Authority. Without knowing the basic funding plan for a project of this magnitude, Californians along the proposed tracks and everywhere in between are concerned that the Authority will exhaust state resources with nothing to show for it.

Sincerely,