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April 7, 2014

The Honorable Anthony Foxx, Secretary  
United States Department of Transportation  
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE  
Washington, DC 20590

Re: San Joaquin Valley Railroad Improvement Project – TIGER VI Application

I am writing to express my support for Tulare County's application for funding through the TIGER VI grant program. The County is seeking funds to upgrade the San Joaquin Valley Railroad between Fresno and Exeter.

This railroad provides direct access to the major Class I railroads in the Central Valley and the national freight rail network. It serves companies in Fresno, Tulare and Kings Counties. The proposed TIGER grant will allow for the upgrading of this critical line which is suffering from long term deferred maintenance by its prior owners.

The San Joaquin Valley "Blueprint Roadmap" and the 2050 Growth Scenario, calls for the region to have improved mobility. Upgrading this rail line to modern industry standards would assist with these goals. It would reduce highway congestion, improve air quality (in a region plagued with non-attainment and very poor air quality), and increase industrial access and growth.

For the reasons above, I ask that you give due consideration to this application for funding. I also ask that you advise me of the status and keep me informed of any new developments regarding the request. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Devin Nunes".

Devin Nunes  
Member of Congress