

Congress of the United States
House of Representatives
Washington, DC 20515-0510

Adam Sullivan
Assistant Secretary for Governmental Affairs
U.S. Department of Transportation
1200 New Jersey Avenue, SE
Washington, DC 20590

RE: Sierra Northern Railway's FY18 Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement Grant Application

Dear Mr. Sullivan:

I write to express my support for Sierra Northern Railway's (SNR) Consolidated Rail Infrastructure and Safety Improvement (CRISI) grant application. If approved, the grant will fund substantial track rehabilitation and safety improvements that will benefit my constituents for many years to come.

SNR provides freight and passenger transportation over 55 miles of track in California, and transports over 6,000 carloads annually. It transports a plethora of goods, raw materials and agricultural resources that are vital to my district and the rest of the country. As the population in California continues to grow, SNR will be transporting far more materials than ever before. While this is great for the economy of the region, it must be ensured that SNR has the proper and up-to-date infrastructure to deliver its goods safely and efficiently. A deteriorating line can easily impede on this economic growth. If SNR's grant application is funded, SNR intends to replace 90,000 of the line's 175,000 railroad ties and improve safety at 10 railroad crossings. These upgrades are projected to greatly increase the capacity, safety, and efficiency of this line.

I believe this application is consistent with the purposes of the CRISI program as enacted by Congress. I believe it will benefit small business, the environment, and trade opportunities for my constituents.

Thank you for your full and fair consideration of this grant proposal submitted by Sierra Northern Railway. If you have any question, please do not hesitate to contact me or my Office's Grants Manager, Briana Gonzalez at (209) 579-5458.

Sincerely,



Representative Josh Harder