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The Honorable Lena Gonzales  
Senate Transportation Committee  
State Capitol, Room 2216  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chairwoman Gonzales:

We are writing in support of SB 69, introduced by Senator Mike McGuire. This legislation is needed to complete the process of shutting down the North Coast Railroad Authority and transitioning its abandoned rail line to the Great Redwood Trail Agency.

After 30 years of attempts to bring rail back to the North Coast, the Legislature approved SB 1029 (2018) that, once and for all time, changed the NCRA mission from freight rail to one focused on the establishment of the Great Redwood Trail.

SB 69 is the natural conclusion to that process as it completes the shift of NCRA's assets to the Sonoma Marin Area Rail Transit and to the Great Redwood Trail Agency.

When finished, the Great Redwood Trail will be the longest Rail Trail in the county and provide hikers, bicyclists, and nature lovers access to rolling oak woodlands, rugged and remote North Coast river canyons, and old growth redwood forests along the north coast counties of Marin, Sonoma, Mendocino, Trinity and Humboldt.

We strongly encourage your committee to approve SB 69, and allow the California to close the sad chapter of the North Coast Railroad Authority and turn it into something that will benefit everyone.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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