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Senator Mike McGuire
California State Capitol, Room 8620
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: SB 307 (McGuire) – SUPPORT

Dear Senator McGuire,

The Mendocino County Board of Supervisors strongly supports Sen. McGuire's SB 307, which will prevent any state funding from going to help coal companies transport coal on the NCRA rail right of way, or from the Humboldt Bay Harbor.

This billion-dollar, dangerous, and toxic plan, developed in secret by clandestine coal companies in the mid-west, must be stopped. Their proposed route would run along some of the most environmentally sensitive areas in California, and right alongside two magnificent rivers that supply drinking water for nearly one million people.

Coal is the dirtiest and most damaging source of energy out there, and it is the number one contributor to our climate crisis.

SB 307 explicitly states that state money shall not be spent to initiate, improve or operate rail service on the now defunct North Coast rail line north of the City of Willits. Further, it bans state money from being spent on the buildout of any new bulk coal terminal cavities within the County of Humboldt.

Again, the Mendocino County Board of Supervisors supports the passage of SB 307 and believes we need to do anything we can to stop this toxic coal train.

Sincerely,

Dan Gjerde, Chair
Mendocino County Board of Supervisors

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