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Sacramento Regional Rail Working Group

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Sierra Club, Sacramento Group



June 17, 2022

Hon. Ben Allen, Chair
Senate Environmental Quality Committee
via web portal

Subject: Support for AB 2237 (Friedman)

Dear Senator Allen and Committee Members,

For the past two years, SacMoves has been leading a broad-based coalition of business, labor and community groups united behind a common vision that Sacramento should have an innovative, seamless, and diversified transportation network offering a wide range of accessible, affordable, and efficient mobility choices coupled with supportive land uses, better air quality, safer neighborhoods, and a stronger and more equitable economy.

As the climate emergency worsens, we have grown increasingly alarmed that the sprawling local development patterns and increasing traffic that have gone on for decades continue unabated. The advent of better planning and a Sustainable Community Strategy have been steps in the right direction, but the State and local communities are struggling to achieve increasingly ambitious goals to reduce vehicle miles traveled (VMT) and greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions. We are pleased that our own Mayor Steinberg authored SB 375 during his time in the Senate. However, before that legislation's Sustainable Community Strategies can deliver on their potential, there must be tighter connection between its broad planning goals and the approval and funding of specific projects.

AB 2237 tightens that connection. The bill's requirements would make it much harder for any community to fund and build the new capacity, sprawl-inducing projects which will take us further in the wrong direction. In Sacramento as in most of California's urban areas, transportation is the source of over 50% of GHG emissions. Therefore, reducing VMT must be the focus of efforts to reduce GHG emissions.

Please advance AB 2237.

Sincerely,
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