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June 9, 2023

The Honorable Marie Alvarado-Gil
Chair, Senate Human Services Committee
California State Senate
1020 N Street, Room 521
Sacramento, CA 95814

RE: AB 1377 (Friedman) Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program: Round 3 – SUPPORT

Dear Chair Alvarado-Gil:

On behalf of the San Mateo County Transit District (SamTrans), I write today in **SUPPORT** of AB 1377 (Friedman). This bill would require that grant applicants to California's Homeless Housing, Assistance, and Prevention Program provide data and a narrative summary of specific and quantifiable steps that the applicant has taken to improve the delivery of housing and services to people experiencing homelessness or at risk of homelessness on transit properties that operate in their jurisdiction.

Many transit agencies, including SamTrans, have experienced a notable rise in the number of individuals experiencing homelessness seeking shelter on their facilities. Many of these agencies are ineligible to apply for state grants, leading them to rely on external service providers, who might not have a deep understanding of the unique difficulties transit agencies are facing.

Implementing this additional reporting mandate would provide important insights to the State on the effectiveness of its funding initiatives in serving this segment of the unhoused population. It would also help ensure that homeless support providers actively coordinate with their respective local transit agencies.

We are pleased to **SUPPORT** AB 1377 (Friedman). Thank you for your time and consideration. Please contact Government and Community Affairs Manager Jessica Epstein at epsteinj@samtrans.com if you have any questions or need any additional information.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "April Chan", is written over a large, light blue circular stamp or watermark.

April Chan
General Manager/CEO

Cc: San Mateo County Transit District Board of Directors
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