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The Honorable Mark DeSaulnier
Chair, Senate Transportation & Housing Committee
California State Capitol, Room 2209
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Chair DeSaulnier,

Enterprise Holdings is writing to express our support for the Emmerson Bill, SB 582. This bill would allow metropolitan planning organizations, along with their local air quality management district, to require employers of 20 or greater employees to offer one of the following options:

1. A transit or vanpool subsidy on the transit system of the employee's choice
2. A complimentary shuttle or vanpool operated by or for the employer.
3. Deducting fees for transit, vanpooling or bicycling expenses with pre-tax dollars, as allowed by federal law, from the employee's payroll check.

We find that it is a simple benefit to provide; one that inspires morale and reduces our company's carbon footprint by reducing the number of employees who drive to work alone. This is a great proposal that warrants your strong support.

While California's economy is still in the beginning stages of recovery and our state is challenged with closing a \$25 billion deficit, the Emmerson Bill is a small step the Legislature can take to lower the cost of commuting and advance California's climate protection goals, all without raising taxes or harming our economy's growth. We urge you to vote "aye" when SB 582 is presented to your committee.

Best regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Brett Bittel". The signature is fluid and cursive.

Brett Bittel
Vice President

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