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The Honorable Lena Gonzalez
Senator, 33rd District
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RE: SUPPORT – SB 517– Freight and Supply Chain Coordinator

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Dear Senator Gonzalez:

On behalf of the Southern California Association of Governments (SCAG), I am pleased to offer this letter of support for Senate Bill (SB) 517. This bill would establish a Freight Coordinator within GO-Biz, who would be appointed by the Governor. This coordinator would be tasked with steering the growth, competitiveness, and sustainability of freight and the supply chain across the state and promoting the freight sector’s continued economic vitality, competitiveness, and sustainability.

SB 517 is consistent with legislative principles adopted by the Regional Council at the start of the year to support legislative efforts designed to improve freight mobility, establish public-private partnerships, increase goods movement efficiency, reduce harmful emissions, mitigate negative impacts on disadvantaged communities, and address shifting consumer behaviors.

If SCAG can be of further assistance to you on this bill, please contact Mr. Kevin Gilhooley, Legislation Manager, at (213) 236-1878 or via e-mail at gilhooley@scag.ca.gov.

Sincerely,

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