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Mr. Corley,

On behalf of the Fresno Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest business organizations in the Central Valley representing over 1,200 members and tens of thousands of employees, we recognize the vital role transportation plays in the everyday lives of our members and the overall region. The Central Valley relies on well-maintained and accessible roads in order to keep our economy going. We applaud some of the provisions of the CTP 2040 plan, and have some concerns regarding others.

The Chamber shares the opinion that improving California's multi-modal transportation given the projected growth of our state in the years to come is critical. The CTP 2040's mission of TZD (Toward Zero Deaths) and the cooperation with other agencies in order to eliminate fatalities is important and we appreciate your attention to this matter.

With the Central Valley being centrally-located geographically, our region is burdened by some of the highest concentration of freight vehicles on our roads and major freeways (Interstate-5 and Freeway 99). We acknowledge the CTP2040's mission of working to reduce greenhouse gas emissions toward 2030 and 2050 reduction targets. At the same time, we encourage the CTP2040 plan to consider the cost effectiveness of these plans and the impact that reduction targets can have on those transporting Central Valley goods on our state's roads and highways.

We should work together as public and private sectors to ensure that AB 32 implementation does not adversely affect our transportation planning or California's competitiveness in business. Our goal should be in helping transportation methods evolve to be more efficient through incentives and affordable alternatives, rather than by additional regulation that burdens those doing business in and with California.

We look forward to continuing the conversation on addressing the needs of a growing California, along with ensuring that we are a competitive place to do business.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Nathan M. Ahle".

Nathan M. Ahle
President/CEO
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