

March 13, 2017

The Honorable Raul Bocanegra **Assembly Member** State Capitol, Room 2175 Sacramento, California 95814



SUBJECT: Support of AB 695 (Bocanegra)- Railroad Safety: On-Track Equipment



Dear Assembly Member Bocanegra:



The California Railroad Industry is in support of your bill AB 695 that amends Section 22451 of the Vehicle Code that would require vehicles to stop when "on-track" equipment is present on a railroad or rail transit grade crossing.

Adding "on-track equipment", along with trains is anticipated to enhance rail safety, which has improved dramatically over the past several decades. Motorists will be required to stop at a safe distance and observe safety precautions for trains and maintenance equipment alike.



If you have any questions, please contact the governmental affairs representatives of the railroads listed below.

Sincerely,

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