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Via Facsimile (714) 560-5727,
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Secretary-Treasurer and
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Patrick Gough, Executive Director
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Dear Mr. Gough:

We received a letter from you dated January 27, 2009. In this letter you requested that we meet to discuss deferring wage increases during the third year of the current collective bargaining agreements covering coach operators and maintenance employees. We are declining this request.

On January 22, 2009, during the Legislative and Communications Committee meeting, a motion was made to remove item IV c) from the draft 2009 Federal Legislative Platform. This item reads as follows: "Support the inclusion of funding for transit system operating costs as part of any economic stimulus program legislation." The motion was seconded and after some debate, the majority of Board members voted to remove this item.

We are disappointed that the Board decided to move away from protecting existing jobs and current service levels for the transit-dependent passengers in this county in favor of supporting only "... federal economic stimulus legislation and programs which accelerate funding for transportation infrastructure projects ..."

We hope that the Board will reconsider its position regarding Federal stimulus funding for transit operations. We look forward to partnering with the Authority like we did with Measure M and the community to maintain and improve transportation services.

Sincerely,

Patrick D. Kelly
Secretary-Treasurer

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