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April 25, 2007

The Honorable Arnold Schwarzenegger
State Capitol Building
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Request for Immediate Appointment of Board of Investigation;
Threatened Strike of Orange County Transportation Authority
Transit Employees

Dear Governor Schwarzenegger:

This letter is the request of the Orange County Transportation Authority (OCTA) for you to take immediate action to appoint a board to investigate the issues involved in a dispute between the Orange County Transportation Authority and the Teamsters, Local 952, representing the coach operators employed by OCTA.

The Orange County Transportation Authority is the public transit operator serving all of Orange County. OCTA employs approximately 1,100 coach operators and OCTA fixed route buses carry an average daily ridership exceeding 200,000 persons.

The collective bargaining agreement between OCTA and the Teamsters for OCTA's coach operators will expire, effective May 1, 2007. The parties have been negotiating a new collective bargaining agreement for four months, including the assistance of mediator Raul Lopez. The negotiations have not produced a new agreement. Teamsters' chief negotiator Patrick Kelly has told OCTA's chief negotiator Sherry Bolander that OCTA's coach operators will strike, commencing May 1, 2007.

OCTA believes that a strike by OCTA's 1,100 coach operators will, if permitted to occur, significantly disrupt public transportation services in Orange County and will endanger the public's health, safety, and welfare. Subdivision (a) of California Labor Code Section 1137.2 authorizes the Governor, at the request of either party, to appoint a board to investigate the issues involved in a dispute and to make a written report to him within seven days if the Governor believes that a threatened strike will, if permitted to occur, significantly disrupt public transportation services and endanger the public's health, safety or welfare. OCTA's bus services are an absolute necessity for persons to travel to/from work, school, medical appointments, and other essential personal activities.

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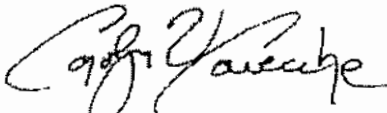
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Subdivision (b) of Labor Code Section 1137.2 provides that a strike is prohibited during the period of the investigation. For this reason, OCTA requests that you take immediate action to appoint a board before May 1, 2007, in order to prevent the commencement of the threatened strike by OCTA's public transit employees.

Further, in the event you appoint a board to investigate the issues, OCTA requests that, following receipt of the board's report, as authorized by Labor Code Section 1137.4, you immediately request the Attorney General to petition a court of competent jurisdiction to enjoin such a strike for a period of 60 days. OCTA is hopeful that the additional time for the parties to negotiate the issues for a new collective bargaining agreement without a strike will be in the interest of promoting the public's health, safety, and welfare.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration of OCTA's request for your action.

Sincerely,



Carolyn V. Cavecche
Chairman

c: Orange County State and Federal Delegations
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