



***Grower-Shipper Association of Central California***  
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Assembly Member Anna Caballero  
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Via email to: [Peter.Ansel@asm.ca.gov](mailto:Peter.Ansel@asm.ca.gov)

**Re: Support for AB 696 (Caballero): Department of Transportation: Prunedale Bypass:  
County of Monterey: disposition of excess properties**

Dear Assembly Member Caballero:

**The Grower-Shipper Association of Central California supports Assembly Bill (AB) 696**, which will transfer the proceeds of the sale of the former Prunedale Bypass right-of-way parcels of land to the Transportation Agency for Monterey County (TAMC) for use on priority transportation projects in the US 101 corridor in Monterey County.

Growers, shippers, packers, harvesters, processors, and countless other related businesses come together as the voice of the Grower-Shipper Association of Central California. Our almost 400 members span the coastal region encompassing Monterey, Santa Cruz, San Benito and Santa Clara counties. We are the local voice of advocacy for regional agriculture that produces more than 100 different crops in this world-renowned coastal agricultural area.

Safely distributing fresh produce, berries, wine and other agricultural goods to the nation is a key mission of the Grower-Shipper Association. AB 696 will ensure that millions of transportation dollars can come back to the local highway system for improvements that will facilitate the delivery of nearly \$5.5 billion in goods every year to market.

Thank you very much for your authorship of this important bill and for supporting efforts to improve transportation in California.

Sincerely,

James W. Bogart  
President & General Counsel

cc: Debra L. Hale, TAMC

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