



August 24, 2019

The Honorable Anthony Portantino  
California Senate, District 25

Dear Senator Portantino:

**West Pasadena Residents' Association Requests Approval of AB 29, Removal of State Route 710 from the Streets and Highways Code**

The WPRA is extremely grateful for your consistent and long-term support in the battle against the 710 highway/tunnel extension between I-10 and SR 134/I-210. As you know, this extension would result in irreparable damage to the communities along the 710 corridor, including numerous historic sites and neighborhoods. We thank you for your many substantial actions in this fight. This includes authoring SB 7 which, if adopted, would legislate that the 710 highway/tunnel could not be built, and that Caltrans surplus properties would be responsibly transferred. We fully support passage of your bill.

The WPRA also supports AB 29, which removes the proposed 710 extension from the California Streets and Highways Code. Our legal counsel and other transportation experts have advised us that removal of the freeway from this document is an essential step in permanently removing the 710 freeway/tunnel threat. Therefore, we ask you join us in supporting AB 29, which compliments and amplifies your own SB 7. The approval of both bills would demonstrate a united position against the 710 freeway/tunnel from a broad political spectrum. It would also establish multiple obstacles to prevent the threat of the 710 extension for generations to come.

Again, thank you for your continued support of the WRPA, the City of Pasadena and the coalition against the 710. We hope you will support us in this one last action.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sarah Gavit", is written over a horizontal line.

Sarah Gavit  
WPRA 710 Lead

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