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The Honorable Susan Eggman
California State Assembly
State Capitol, Room 3173
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: AB 1713 (Eggman) Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta: An Act relating to the Sacramento-San Joaquin Delta – SUPPORT

Dear Assemblymember Eggman,

The Delta Counties Coalition is pleased to support AB 1713, which prohibits the construction of the peripheral canal, twin tunnels, or other isolated conveyance project, unless expressly authorized by an initiative approved by California voters, and it requires the Legislative Analyst's Office to complete an economic feasibility analysis prior to a vote.

The permitting process for a major infrastructure project, such as the twin tunnels, should be transparent. Its ultimate approval or denial should rest with those directly impacted by its construction and the ratepayers and taxpayers who may be required to pay for the project. The tunnels project will irreparably harm the Delta, provide no new water, and will only benefit one part of the state at the expense of another. Furthermore, voters rejected a similar concept 30 years ago. The people most impacted by the twin tunnels project must have the right to vote to approve or disapprove the project. For all of the reasons stated, the Delta Counties Coalition strongly supports AB 1713 and thanks you for your authorship of this vital piece of legislation.

Sincerely,

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