



JOINT LEGISLATIVE AUDIT COMMITTEE  
AL MURATSUCHI, CHAIR

November 27, 2017

The Honorable Jim Patterson  
Assemblymember, 23<sup>rd</sup> District  
State Capitol, Room 3132  
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Assemblymember Patterson:

I received your letter dated November 14, 2017, requesting concurrence with an urgent audit of the California High-Speed Rail Authority (Authority). Pursuant to Rule 17 of the Joint Legislative Audit Committee (Committee), and as Chair of the Committee, I respectfully deny concurrence. Your request to bypass the regular audit request procedure provided in Committee Rule 15 would deny the full Committee, the State Auditor, and the general public the opportunity to review, analyze, and comment on your request in an open meeting of the Committee.

You may resubmit your audit request pursuant to Committee Rule 10. The next meeting of the Committee is tentatively scheduled for January 2018.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me or Committee staff at (916) 319-3300.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Al Muratsuchi", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

**AL MURATSUCHI**  
Chair, Joint Legislative Audit Committee

cc: Senator Richard Roth, Vice Chair  
Joint Legislative Audit Committee

Members  
Joint Legislative Audit Committee