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Governor Jerry Brown
State Capitol
Sacramento, CA 95814

Dear Governor Brown:

The Board of Supervisors would like to express our sincere gratitude for your political and financial support for the project to restore and reopen to the public the historic covered wood Bridge at Bridgeport, South Yuba River State Park in Nevada County - the longest single-span covered bridge in the world. Thanks to your support we have achieved substantial progress thus far in restoring the Bridge. The project is proceeding on schedule, with the stabilization phase completed and restoration planning now underway. New engineering and architectural plans are in the final stage of completion.

As you know, the Bridgeport Bridge rehabilitation project was identified in the 5-year Infrastructure Plan in the 2014-15 State budget for State Parks. \$1.3 million was included in the 2014-2015 State Budget to cover the original estimate to stabilize and fully restore and reopen the bridge. Then in 2016, following an extensive assessment of the condition of the Bridge and the work needed to completely renovate the structure, a new cost estimate for the work now stands at \$3.9 million. This covers increased construction costs, and a small increase in the construction contingency.

It is our understanding that the balance of funding to complete the project, \$2.6 million, is currently programed in the 2018-19 State Budget. However, we believe that the permitting process can be expedited and it is quite possible that construction can begin on the Bridge as soon as the river levels drop in 2017. Therefore, we are respectfully requesting the additional \$2.6 million funding needed to complete the Bridge project be included in the 2017-2018 State budget.

This is a legacy project that will assure that this iconic structure, which has been closed to the public since 2011, will be available for many future generations of Californians to explore and enjoy long after our time. With your support we can walk with you across our newly reopened Bridge while you are still in office in 2018.

Thank you for your consideration of this request.

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Sincerely,

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