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Sierra Club Opposes November Ballot Measure to Roll Back Transportation and Transit Funding

SACRAMENTO—Sierra Club, the oldest, largest volunteer-led grassroots environmental organization in California, has formally taken an oppose position on Proposition 6, the measure on the November ballot that would roll back transportation and transit funding.

The measure is an attempt to repeal Senate Bill 1, the Road Repair and Accountability Act, passed last year that raises about \$5.2 billion a year to fix the state's crumbling roads and bridges and improve public transit service. Transportation experts estimate the state faces at least \$130 billion in needed transportation repair and replacement projects.

The funding is raised through an increase in taxes on gasoline and diesel fuel, marking the first gasoline tax increase since 1984.

Sierra Club volunteer leaders carefully analyzed the proposition and then brought it before four different volunteer committees whose members overwhelmingly voted to oppose Proposition 6.

Statement by Kathryn Phillips, Sierra Club California Director:

"The guy who put this measure on the ballot apparently hasn't tried to drive a car or ride a bike on some of the pot-holed roads in my community. He apparently has never had to rely on public transit to get to work or school.

"Proposition 6 is a bad deal for the environment because it will cut funds that support safer bicycling and cleaner buses. And it's a bad deal for any Californian who depends on any kind of transportation to buy groceries, get to work, or visit friends and relatives.

"Voting NO on Proposition 6 is the right choice for people and the planet."

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