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H. R. 9308

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IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

AUGUST 6, 2024

Mr. MIKE GARCIA of California (for himself, Mr. ELLZEY, and Mr. OBERNOLTE) introduced the following bill; which was referred to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure

A BILL

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1 *Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representa-*
2 *tives of the United States of America in Congress assembled,*

3 **SECTION 1. SHORT TITLE.**

4 This Act may be cited as the “No Frankenrail Act
5 of 2024”.

1 **SEC. 2. FINDINGS.**

2 Congress finds the following:

3 (1) The high-speed rail corridor development
4 project that is the subject of Cooperative Agreement
5 No. FR-HSR-0118-12-01-01 entered into between
6 the California High-Speed Rail Authority and the
7 Federal Railroad Administration (in this section re-
8 ferred to as the “California High Speed Rail
9 project”) first received Federal funds in 2009 in the
10 form of a \$2,500,000,000 grant from funds made
11 available under title XII of division A of the Amer-
12 ican Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 (Public
13 Law 111-5; 123 Stat. 208).

14 (2) The California High Speed Rail project was
15 originally intended to cost \$33,000,000,000 and be
16 completed by 2020.

17 (3) As of the date of introduction of this Act,
18 the California High Speed Rail project is expected to
19 cost at least \$128,000,000,000 and has no expected
20 completion date.

21 (4) As of the date of introduction of this Act,
22 the California High Speed Rail project has yet to
23 construct a single mile of rail line.

1 **SEC. 3. PROHIBITION ON FEDERAL FUNDS FOR COVERED**
2 **PROJECTS.**

3 (a) PROHIBITION.—Except as provided in subsection
4 (b), no Federal funds may be provided for use in any cov-
5 ered project.

6 (b) TERMINATION OF PROHIBITION.—Subsection (a)
7 shall cease to apply with respect to a covered project on
8 the date on which the Secretary of Transportation certifies
9 to the appropriate committees of Congress that at least
10 1 mile of rail or electromagnetic guideway has been com-
11 pleted under the covered project.

12 (c) DEFINITIONS.—In this section:

13 (1) APPROPRIATE COMMITTEES OF CON-
14 GRESS.—The term “appropriate committees of Con-
15 gress” means—

16 (A) the Committee on Transportation and
17 Infrastructure of the House of Representatives;
18 and

19 (B) the Committee on Commerce, Science,
20 and Transportation of the Senate.

21 (2) COVERED PROJECT.—The term “covered
22 project” means any project—

23 (A) to construct a high-speed rail or de-
24 velop a high-speed rail corridor; and

1 (B) for which Federal funds were first dis-
2 bursed before the date that is 10 years before
3 the date of enactment of this section.

4 (3) HIGH-SPEED RAIL.—The term “high-speed
5 rail” has the meaning given such term in section
6 26105 of title 49, United States Code.

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