Thank you for contacting my office regarding the proposed cuts to public transportation and the weakening of environmental standards in response to California’s budget crisis. I apologize for the delay in responding to your letter, but greatly appreciate your input, especially in this time of fiscal crisis. We have to make sure that in the midst of California’s catastrophic budget crisis, we don’t allow climate change and our environment to be pushed to the back burner. It is imperative that we keep fighting for policies which will mitigate the damage already done to our environment by global warming, as well as help promote green economic growth in our state and our nation.

I fought hard to preserve our hard won environmental protections in the February budget, and will continue to do so as we go into the current round of budget negotiations. Not only must we save our state’s social safety net, but our fiscal crisis makes it no less important for us to protect our state parks, coast, air, and our most precious natural resources.

I truly appreciate your input on this critical aspect of the budget crisis, and hope that you will continue bringing this to the attention of the Governor. I will continue to fight as I always have for environmental oversight and protections.

Sincerely,

Fran Pavley
State Senator, 23rd District