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Governor Gavin Newsom

Director Sam Assefa

April 30, 2026

Honorable John Laird, Chair
Honorable Jesse Gabriel, Vice Chair
Joint Legislative Budget Committee
1020 N Street, Room 553
Sacramento, CA 95814

Re: Barstow International Gateway Project, SB 149 (2023) Infrastructure Streamlining Program Certification

Dear Senator Laird and Assemblymember Gabriel:

Governor Newsom has determined that the Barstow International Gateway (BIG) Project, located in the City of Barstow and unincorporated territory of the County of San Bernardino, California, is eligible for streamlined judicial review under Senate Bill 149 (2023-2024 Reg. Sess.), Public Resources Code Section 21189.80 et seq.

Pursuant to Public Resources Code Section 21189.84, subdivision (c), I am forwarding the Governor's determination to the Joint Legislative Budget Committee. If the Joint Legislative Budget Committee fails to concur or nonconcur on a determination by the Governor within 30 days of the submittal, the project is deemed to be certified.

If you have any questions or comments, please do not hesitate to contact me or my staff.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam Assefa".

Sam Assefa
Director, Governor's Office of Land Use and Climate Innovation