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Subject: Urging Support for Gross Receipts Tax in Regional Transit Funding Resolution

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Dear SFCTA Commissioners,

I'm writing to urge you to include support for a gross receipts tax (GRT) in the resolution on SB 63. The current language only mentions a sales tax, which is both regressive and politically risky.

The GRT is a fairer alternative that polls better with voters, especially in San Francisco where support for another sales or parcel tax is uncertain. It would generate revenue from the region's largest businesses—many of which are benefitting from federal tax cuts—rather than asking working families to pay more for worsening service.

The GRT includes exemptions for small businesses and restaurants and is based on regional activity, so it won't disadvantage local firms. Bay Area transit needs stable, progressive funding, and the GRT is our best path forward.

Please update the resolution to reflect this.

Sincerely,  
Rishav Rout

**Strongly OPPOSING SFCTA Meeting July 22, 2025 Agenda Item #14 [Final Approval on First Appearance] for SB63 (Wiener) Regional Measure at a 1.0 Percent Sales Tax Rate**

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To: clerk@sfcta.org, BOS-Supervisors <bos-supervisors@sfgov.org>, BOS-Legislative Aides <bos-legislative\_aides@sfgov.org>

TO: SFCTA/BOS members

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RE: SFCTA Meeting July 22, 2025 Agenda Item #14 [Final Approval on First Appearance] for SB63 (Wiener) Regional Measure at a 1.0 Percent Sales Tax Rate

Position: Strongly OPPOSING

This is another "tax the poor" measure.

This will contribute to increasing income inequality by being a regressive tax.

Tax the rich, not the poor.

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