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The Honorable Bill Flores
U.S. House of Representatives
1030 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

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Dear Representative Flores:

Thank you for your letter dated May 13, 2016, forwarding the written comments of Judge Byron Ryder on the proposed Texas Central Railway project. The comments have been posted in the case docket.

As you may know, on April 19, 2016, Texas Central Railroad, LLC and Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure Inc. (collectively Applicants) filed two petitions with the Surface Transportation Board (STB or Board) seeking permission to construct and operate a high-speed passenger railroad line between Dallas and Houston, and clarification of Interstate Commerce Commission precedent concerning what constitutes "construction" as related to the proposed project.¹ In order to ensure ample time for interested parties to review the filings and prepare responses, the Board extended the deadlines for reply comments. Comments addressing the Applicants' petition for exemption are now due by May 31, 2016 (an additional 22 days). Please be assured that the Board will give full consideration to all comments received in this proceeding.

Again, thank you for forwarding Judge Ryder's comments to me. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any questions or require additional information.

Sincerely,

Daniel R. Elliott III
Chairman

¹ STB Docket FD 36025, *Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. & Texas Central Railroad, LLC—Petition for Exemption—Passenger Rail Line between Dallas, TX and Houston, TX*.