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The Honorable Blake Farenthold
U.S. House of Representatives
1027 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Congressman Farenthold:

Thank you for your letter dated May 18, 2016, expressing your interest in the proposed Texas Central Railway project. I appreciate knowing your views on this proposal.

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 rail line between Dallas and Houston, and clarification of Interstate Commerce Commission precedent concerning what constitutes "construction" as related to the proposed project.¹ Because these petitions are currently pending before the Board, I cannot comment on the merits. However, in order to ensure ample time for interested parties to review the filings and prepare responses, the deadlines for comments were extended. Comments addressing the Applicants' petition for clarification were due by May 19, 2016, and comments pertaining to the petition for exemption were due by May 31, 2016. Please be assured that the Board will give full consideration to all comments received in this proceeding.

Again, thank you for sharing your views on this matter with me. If you have any questions or require additional information, please contact Lucille L. Marvin, Director, Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs and Compliance at (202) 245-0238.

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*.