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The Honorable Eddie Bernice Johnson
U.S. House of Representatives
2468 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

The Honorable Gene Green
U.S. House of Representatives
2470 Rayburn Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representatives Johnson and Green:

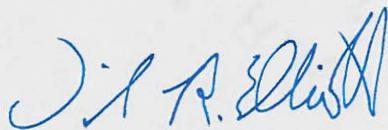
Thank you for your letter dated May 18, 2016, expressing your support for the proposed Texas Central Railway project. We appreciate knowing your views on this matter.

As you 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 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, we 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 we will give full consideration to all comments received in this proceeding.

Again, thank you for sharing your views on this matter with us. 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.

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*.

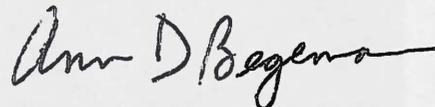
Sincerely,



Daniel R. Elliott III
Chairman



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Vice Chairman



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Board Member