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TEXAS CENTRAL RAILROAD, LLC PETITION FOR EXEMPTION-  
PASSENGER RAIL LINE BETWEEN DALLAS, TX AND HOUSTON, TX

Chairman, Vice Chairman and Member,

I am writing to express my support for the high speed rail project to connect our two major population centers in Texas, those being Dallas and Houston.

A private concern, Texas Central Railway, wants to bring a high speed rail option to our part of the country that has been sorely needed for many years. This is an important project that holds national significance for the future development of high speed rail in the U.S. not only by a private concern, but can foster public-private partnerships and even public development of passenger rail.

Connecting the two Texas regions by passenger rail, offering fast and frequent quality service will have a significant and positive impact on our national passenger rail network. It will have a positive impact on the quality of life enjoyed by Texans who now fight traffic for hours between these mega centers. The Texas Department of Transportation predicts that travel times by vehicle between North Texas and the Houston-Galveston region will increase in the future due to highway congestion issues.

The 240-mile line is in the sweet spot for high speed rail service, offering a competitive travel time with airline service, which over the past decade, has been reduced between the two cities. The main carrier, Southwest Airlines, stopped serving Dallas Love Field to Bush Intercontinental Airport in 2005 and has reduced daily flights between Dallas Love Field and Houston Hobby Airport in the last 10 years. These two regions are now underserved by common carriers.

I encourage you to take jurisdiction over this project as part of the interstate rail network and move to expedite your review of the Texas Central application so Texas and the nation can move forward.

Sincerely,

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