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DAVID SPILLER

DISTRICT 68

March 27, 2025

Mr. Adam Assenza

Office of Environmental Impacts, Surface Transportation Board

395 E Street SW

Washington, DC 20423

RE: Docket FD-36815

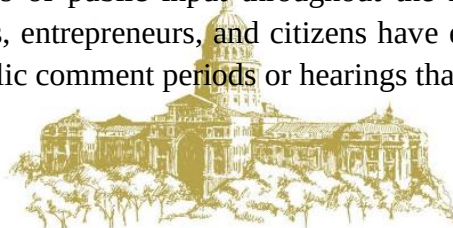
Dear Mr. Assenza,

As the State Representative of House District 68, a large area of rural and agricultural communities in North and Central Texas, I am writing as an expression of my constituents' concerns about the proposed rail line project in parts of Lampasas and Burnet Counties. This project has many legitimate issues about how it could affect the natural resources of our area, agricultural businesses, local infrastructure, and our cherished rural lifestyle.

The region that my office represents is unique in having farm fields, recreational assets, and small communities that depend much on having a harmonious coexistence with nature. The disruption potential created by the proposed rail line warrants a meticulous and painstaking review process such that the rural communities' needs and interests are given proper attention.

I humbly request that the Surface Transportation Board initiate the most thorough level of environmental review feasible. With the farming sensitivities, potential harm to local water supplies, impact on property owners, and general environmental concerns, it is essential that your office fully considers all factors of this proposal. I further request that you join in site visits to acquire a firsthand understanding of the diverse ecological and economic landscape of this area.

Additionally, I encourage you to consider the strong local resistance to this project and the need for maintaining open channels of public input throughout the review process. It is vital that residents, farmers, landowners, entrepreneurs, and citizens have every opportunity to have their say, especially during any public comment periods or hearings that could be conducted.



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The health and lifestyle of many residents in House District 68 are at stake, and I am obligated to ensure that their concerns are heard properly. I thank you for your careful consideration of this request for a complete review process and look forward to your office's attention to these pressing issues.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David Spiller".

David Spiller  
State Representative  
Texas House District 68

