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The Honorable Kevin Brady
United States House of Representatives
301 Cannon House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Dear Representative Brady:

Thank you for your recent letter regarding Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. and Texas Central Railroad, LLC—Petition for Exemption—Passenger Rail Line Between Dallas and Houston, Tex., FD 36025. I am aware of your continued opposition to this project and appreciate knowing your views.

As you know, last month Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. and Texas Central Railroad, LLC (Texas Central) petitioned the Surface Transportation Board (Board) to reopen the 2016 proceeding in which the Board found that Texas Central's proposed construction and operation of a passenger rail line from Dallas to Houston, TX, were not subject to Board jurisdiction. Texas Central argues that recent changed circumstances establish the requisite interstate connections to bring the proposed construction and operation within the Board's jurisdiction. Following the submission of Texas Central's petition to reopen, the Board granted a motion filed by Texans Against High Speed Rail, Inc., to extend the deadline for replies to Texas Central's petition to May 31, 2018.

Because this proceeding is pending before the agency, I cannot comment on its merits. However, please be assured that the Board will carefully review all comments submitted in this proceeding. A copy of your letter has been placed in the docket. If you or your staff have any questions or concerns, please contact Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Chairman