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Dear Members of the Texas Delegation:

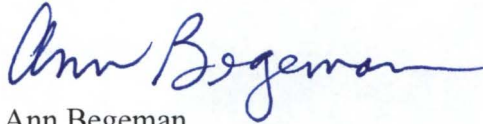
Thank you for your recent letter expressing your strong support for the proposed Texas Central high-speed rail project. I appreciate receiving your views on this project.

As you know, last month Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. and Texas Central Railroad, LLC (Texas Central) petitioned the Board to reopen Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. and Texas Central Railroad, LLC—Petition for Exemption—Passenger Rail Line Between Dallas and Houston, Tex., FD 36025. The Board's 2016 decision in that proceeding 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 now

argues that recent changed circumstances 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