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Surface Transportation Board
395 E Street, S.W.
Washington, DC 20423-0001

Re: Docket No. FD_36025_0

Dear Surface Transportation Board Members:

I have long been involved in transportation issues from municipal government to the State of Texas House of Representatives, where I currently serve Texas House District 102. I have closely analyzed the Texas Central project from both perspectives. Texas, my current House District and the City of Dallas have much to gain from this project.

I am writing in support of the high-speed train from Dallas to Houston, and know its establishment will spur even greater economic growth for the respective metropolitan areas and the entire state.

Considering the recent partnership announced between Texas Central, developers of the Texas Bullet Train, and Amtrak, I am writing to ask the Surface Transportation Board to swiftly act in pushing the project to its next step.

Business and commerce need regulatory certainty, and anything your board can do to provide this would be beneficial to Texas and the nation.

As a leader in setting policy in support of greater mobility for the people, I have firsthand knowledge of the vast need the state has for additional choices in transportation between the two largest metropolitan areas in Texas (and the 4th and 5th largest in the entire country). Especially, when these additions do not further deplete precious, and thinly-stretched state resources, in the manner Texas Central has proposed.

I urge the STB to consider this docket under review, to allow the United States to begin to join the rest of the developed world with high speed mass transit.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Linda A. Koop".

Linda Koop
Texas State Representative
House District 102

I hereby certify that I caused this letter to be served on all parties of record.

A handwritten signature in black ink, reading "Linda S. Koop". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "L" and "K".

Date: June 5, 2018

Texas State Representative Linda Koop