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The Honorable Ron Wright
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Dear Representative Brady, Representative Gohmert, and Representative Wright:

Thank you for your recent letter expressing your views regarding the proposed rail project in Texas Central Railroad and Infrastructure, Inc. & Texas Central Railroad, LLC—Petition for Exemption—Passenger Rail Line Between Dallas and Houston, Tex., Docket No. FD 36025. I appreciate knowing your opposition to the Board finding jurisdiction over the project.

As you know, on June 20, 2019, the Board directed Texas Central to submit specific additional information that would assist the Board in considering Texas Central's petition to reopen the Board's 2016 decision, in which the Board found that it does not have jurisdiction over the proposed project. Texas Central responded to the Board's request on August 21, 2019. Numerous parties have filed replies to Texas Central's submission, which were due earlier this week, on October 8, 2019. Although I cannot comment on the merits of Texas Central's petition to reopen, since it is a pending matter, I can inform you that the Board is in the process of thoroughly reviewing all of the filings submitted.

Thank you again for sharing with the Board your concerns. A copy of your letter has been placed in the docket. If you have any questions, please contact me or Lucille Marvin, Director of the Office of Public Assistance, Governmental Affairs, and Compliance, at 202-245-0238.

Sincerely,

Ann Begeman
Chairman