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Michael Johnsen  
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sent via email: Michael.Johnsen@dot.gov

Dear Mr. Johnsen,

I appreciate the opportunity to submit public comment regarding the high-speed rail project from Dallas to Houston proposed by Texas Central High-Speed Railway, LLC.

As an advocate for public transit, I look forward to a passenger rail line linking Dallas and Houston; however, I share concerns with the many residents who have contacted my office about the proposed routes' potential impact on their lives. Moving forward to address their concerns, I encourage you to consider routes with minimal intrusion on highly populated neighborhoods. As an alternative, I suggest that you focus on routes along southeast Texas highway corridors and major thoroughfares. Moreover, presenting designs and route options in easy-to-understand renderings will help residents better understand the proposals, improving their ability to make meaningful contributions to the decision-making process.

Texas Central High-Speed Railway's attendance at civic and town hall meetings is an important step towards building an inclusive relationship with the neighborhoods, municipalities, and government entities it will impact. I trust that Texas Central High-Speed Railway, in partnership with the Federal Railroad Administration, will continue this relationship, working with those who may be affected to address any and all concerns in a timely manner.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jessica Farrar".

Jessica Farrar  
State Representative  
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