

A Declaration to Dream

I am a graduate student at Sam Houston State University studying digital forensics/cyber security and have been living in Texas my entire life. During my classes I am fueled with vigor, and passion as I read about the bright men and woman who set out to start new business. Failure or fortune, entrepreneurs seek to improve their lives and the world around them. For decades, the Texas state legislature has been a hallmark of pro-business by allowing ideas to compete fairly on the open market.

The Texas Central Railway (TCR) is a privately funded company and I implore Texas Senators to invest at least your interests in the project. Texas students see a great opportunity in the construction of the TCR. Transportation alternatives will create a new culture for travel and help keep us safe as as we commute to our American dream.

The high speed rail will connect Dallas and Houston in less than 90 minutes, and currently the TCR has not released any documentation detailing official costs of construction or ticket fare. On the contrary, I have discovered daunting opposition from state officials expressing that the TCR's estimates are low, imply economic failure. It is imperative to end this paradox of propaganda and prohibit 'negativity' from becoming the new platform of Texas. It takes a courageous leader to embrace the future and say 'yes' to the much needed transportation reform.

Millennials value connecting with others, and we are not afraid to explore the unfamiliar. Technology allows us to express new ideas and we have built close families through these connections. To the Senators reading this paper, it is ok to dream, and dream big. You are not alone and there is nothing to be afraid of. We are a family connected together and together we can build something great. I believe the construction of the TCR will be a symbol of independence, and innovation for the entire United States.

It is impossible to progress while standing still, and I urge you to not shackle Texas to to the ground. This project will generate billions of dollars in private investment into the economy, and more importantly address the future transportation demand the students of Texas will inherit. The world is changing and it is time we build the next golden era in American history.

Sincerely,

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