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## Transportation Advocacy Group-Houston Region (TAG) supports Texas Central Railway's proposal to connect Houston and Dallas by high-speed rail

TAG's mission is to obtain adequate funding for our region's transportation infrastructure or secure the authority to fund needed improvements locally.

We support and advocate for mobility improvements—Roadways, Light Rail, Bus Rapid Transit, Commuter Rail, and High-Speed Rail—which will reduce congestion in the Houston Metropolitan Area.

We have confidence in Texas Central Railway (TCR) to provide outstanding service to our state. The Houston-Dallas Train would reduce congestion along the I-45 Corridor and throughout the two Metropolitan Areas given the number of individuals commuting between our state's two largest cities.

Reducing congestion improves mobility, results in cleaner air, reduces fuel consumption, adds to the attractiveness of our state as a place to do business, and improves the quality of life, including the safety of rail over automobile.

We welcome this project as a benefit to our citizens, our cities and our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Jack' in a cursive, flowing script.

Jack Drake  
Chairman  
TAG-Houston Region