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Ms. Holly Reed
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Dear Ms. Reed:

I wanted to thank you for meeting with Mr. Eric Goodie and me this past June to discuss the many benefits of the high speed rail project to the Texas economy. I was thoroughly impressed with the projects ambitious projections and stand ready to help you accomplish some of the goals out-lined in our discussion, such as:

- Creating over 40,000 jobs over the four year peak construction period, plus 1,000 permanent high skill jobs to support the operation of the railroad
- The projected impact of \$36 billion to the Texas economy over the next 25 years
- Creating a new Houston to North Dallas travel opportunity that will provide a high speed alternative to the automobile
- The impact of potentially \$2.5 billion in property and sales tax revenue that will help strengthen the many communities impacted by the line

As President of the Houston Area Urban League, Inc., (HAUL) I along with our Board, am happy to support the project. I have shared with my Board Chair, Mr. Cary Yates of Wells Fargo the information you provided, the substance of our discussion, and the role the Houston Area Urban League can potentially play in assisting with job training, community engagement, and diversity inclusion.

My goal as President of the local Urban League Affiliate for the past 8 years is to strengthen the entire community ensuring all members benefit when once in a lifetime opportunities come along. This will be one of those projects that define our community and our region for many years to come. I wish you all the best in your endeavors and success in delivering this project. We look forward to working with you and we enthusiastically support this exciting project.

Sincerely,

Judson W. Robinson III
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pcc: Marvalette Hunter

