



January 5, 2017

TEXAS CENTRAL PARTNERS, LLC
Attn: Marvalette Hunter
1409 South Lamar Street, Suite 1022
Dallas, TX 75215

RE: Endorsement of High-Speed Rail Project Connecting North Texas and Houston

Dear Ms. Hunter,

Founded in 1935, the Greater Houston Black Chamber (GHBC) is Houston's oldest African American civic and business organization. The GHBC helps its partners and members navigate the Houston region's large, diverse population, industries and the many nuances, which are unique to our communities. The GHBC is dedicated to supporting African-American small businesses in the areas of education, certification, and accessing contracting opportunities and capital.

The Greater Houston Black Chamber is pleased to offer our support for the ***Texas High-Speed Rail Project Connecting North Texas and Houston***. We feel this project will spark additional economic development for Texas. We are also pleased that the project has made a commitment to supporting Minority and women owned businesses.

The Greater Houston Black Chamber of Commerce is dedicated to making Houston a better place for African-Americans throughout the city. As an organization committed to supporting African-Americans business development and as supporters of this project we look forward to being a part of your discussions and decisions regarding minority participation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "C. Johnson Rose", written in a cursive style.

Courtney Johnson Rose
Chair
GHBC Board of Directors