



March 6, 2018

Mr. Kevin Wright
Federal Railroad Administration
1200 New Jersey Avenue SE MS-20
Washington, DC 20590

Re: Dallas to Houston High-Speed Rail Draft Environmental Impact Statement

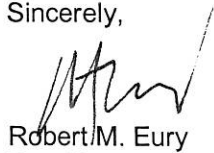
Dear Mr. Wright:

Central Houston, Inc. is a 501 (c) (6) business league comprised of more than 120 member organizations, which serves as the steward of Houston's vision for the redevelopment and revitalization of downtown. Over the past 30 years, Central Houston, Inc. has facilitated many of the public and private projects that have transformed downtown by enhancing collaboration among public officials, developers and businesses.

On behalf of Central Houston, Inc. (CHI), we offer this letter of support to the proposed Dallas to Houston High-Speed Rail Project, provided that Texas Central provides material funding support for the implementation of strong transit connections between the proposed Houston Terminal Station and existing employment and activity centers, including the Houston Central Business District.

CHI believes that, if properly implemented, the proposed high-speed rail connection offers appreciable benefit to both cities and the businesses operating therein. As design moves forward, we urge the City, METRO, and Texas Central to work together to ensure the development of strong multi-modal connections to the Houston Terminal Station.

Sincerely,



Robert M. Eury
President

Cc: Mayor Sylvester Turner, City of Houston
Cc: Thomas C. Lambert, Metropolitan Transit Authority
Cc: Tim Keith, Texas Central