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**RE: Endorsement of High-Speed Train Project Connecting North Texas and Houston with one stop in the Brazos Valley**

To whom it may concern,

On behalf of Coalition for Texans with Disabilities (CTD), a statewide cross-disability organization comprised of over 3,000 members and their families, along with over 50 organizational members, I am pleased to endorse and do fully support the proposed high-speed train project that will connect North Texas to Houston safely, reliably, and offering an unheard-of level of accessibility to Texans with disabilities.

With Texas' population boom continuing for the foreseeable future, travel between the two economic hubs of the state is only going to get worse. And for the disability community, this poses a unique set of mobility challenges. No other long-distance bus, train or aviation service in the United States will offer the convenience and accessibility of the Texas High-Speed Train. Connecting these regions with this safe, accessible, and reliable transportation option will provide traveling Texans with disabilities with more opportunities as they live, work and play.

CTD also supports Texas Central's efforts to develop and train an inclusive workforce, while ensuring Texans with a wide range of abilities are being consulted at every step of the project's development.

We are proud to support the first true high-speed passenger train system in the United States, a transportation infrastructure project that will provide a safe, reliable and fully accessible travel alternative between North Texas, the Brazos Valley, and Houston.  
This project is good for all Texans.

For A Barrier Free Texas,

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