



Mothers Against Drunk Driving
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I am writing to express Mothers Against Drunk Driving's support for the Texas Central's high-speed train, which will add a new transportation option for people whose plans include alcohol and wish to travel between Dallas and Houston.

As the leading organization working to eliminate drunk driving, Mothers Against Drunk Driving (MADD) strongly advocates for safe modes of travel that will keep drunk drivers off of our nation's roads. MADD is pleased that Texas Central will provide a transportation alternative for current Texans and the millions visiting the state. The train will reduce crashes and traffic congestion along 1-45 and give those who should not be driving a safe alternative.

Drunk driving is the number one killer on our nation's roads, claiming the lives of almost 11,000 people in 2017. In Texas, 39 percent of all traffic deaths are caused by drunk driving. Texas led the nation in drunk driving deaths in 2017, with 1,468 lives lost in alcohol-related crashes.

Texas Central holds the promise of reducing drunk driving tragedies and overall traffic deaths and injuries by removing 14,500 cars daily from 1-45 between Dallas and Houston. MADD supports this exciting project.

Sincerely,

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