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The Honorable Terry Canales  
Chairman, Transportation Committee  
Capitol Office  
P.O. Box 2910  
Austin, Texas 78768-2910

**Re: Opposition to HB 2357**

Dear Chairman Canales,

As the Mayor of Houston, Texas, I would like to express my opposition to HB 2357 and to reinforce this city's full support of the Texas Central high-speed train project – a project that will not only benefit the people of Houston and North Texas, but all Texans will benefit as well as every person traveling to-or-through the state on the nation's passenger rail network.

Currently, it is not possible for a rail passenger to purchase a ticket anywhere in the country and get full service on a passenger train through both Houston and North Texas – home to 12 million people and growing. Texas Central, a Texas-based company, has already invested millions of dollars toward bringing this innovative transportation infrastructure project to our state. That commitment, along with the immense scale of the project, has the potential to create a new super economy incorporating Houston, Dallas/Fort Worth, and the Brazos Valley, and generating a multi-billion economic impact across Texas and the nation.

The Texas high-speed train project is good for Texas and the nation.

Sincerely,

Sylvester Turner  
Mayor