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Texas Department of Transportation
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Dear Mr. Saenz:

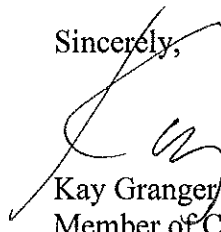
I am writing to express my strong support for the Texas Department of Transportation's (TXDOT) Tower 55 Multimodal Improvement Project. I appreciate TXDOT's leadership on this critical issue.

As you know, Tower 55 is a critical freight and passenger rail gateway located along a key transportation trade corridor connecting the United States, Mexico and Canada. I have long been concerned about the congestion at Tower 55 and the impact it has on our community, our region, and our nation. This is a problem that urgently needs to be addressed.

I believe the public-private partnership TXDOT has formed with BNSF Railway, Union Pacific Railroad, Amtrak, the City of Fort Worth, the North Central Texas Council of Governments, and the Fort Worth Transit Authority is a model for success. This partnership is uniquely qualified to address the key challenges associated with Tower 55, such as improving rail and automobile transportation flows through and around the project area, addressing community safety and livability concerns, and promoting energy savings and environmental conservation.

Again, thank you for your leadership on this important project. I look forward to working with you in the future to ensure this project's success.

Sincerely,



Kay Granger
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