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October 16, 2020

Commissioner Laura Ryan
Texas Transportation Commissioner
125 E. 11th Street
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Commissioner Ryan,

Thank you for your oversight of the proposed North Houston Highway Improvement Project (NHHIP), a large portion of which runs through the 29th Congressional District of Texas of which I am privileged to represent. Throughout the process, I have heard from community members and stake holders with their thoughts and concerns about the project. With the release of the Final Environmental Impact Statement (FEIS), I am sure I will be hearing more.

At over 8,000 pages, my constituents will need a significant amount of time to be able to review the study and make comment appropriately. Currently set for 30 days, I am writing to ask you to extend the public comment period to 120 days. It does not seem reasonable to expect any public official, agency, or community member to review so much information in such a small amount of time.

Again, thank you for your work on this project and working in the best interest of my constituents. Please contact Chris McCarthy (chris.mccarthy@mail.house.gov) should you have any follow up questions on my request.

Sincerely,



Sylvia R. Garcia

Member of Congress