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To Whom It May Concern:

I am filing an objection to the proposed high speed rail (HSR) between Houston and Dallas for the following reason: Impact on Socioeconomics and Community Facilities: Cypress-Fairbanks Independent School District. Cypress Falls High School (in Cypress-Fairbanks ISD, located in Harris County) would be approximately 150 feet from a temporary construction zone and large drainage area necessary for the HSR system (DEIS 3.14-37). Potential Impact to Children's Health and Safety include "localized air quality impacts due to the movement and operation of construction vehicles, potential exposure to toxic fumes used during the construction of the Build Alternatives, and increased traffic on Huffmeister Road." (DEIS 3.14-37) An additional concern is the safety of pedestrian traffic in and around the school. The health and safety of our children is of utmost importance and must be protected, not sacrificed. The No Build Alternative is the only viable and justifiable option to be chosen in the final Environmental Impact Statement.

Thank you.