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Mr. Jorge Ayala, Executive Director  
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Dear Mr. Ayala:

It is my pleasure to submit this letter of support for the creation of the Economic Development District for State Planning Region #4. The establishment of such a district will equip local communities with practical resources to inspire economic growth and prosperity. This creation will provide a guideline for local entities to develop common strategies to further entrepreneurship and industry growth.

The 16-county members of the North Central Texas region, including, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Erath, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise, and representing 6.8 million people, are committed to providing leadership in policy-making and to seeking out new economic opportunities.

I commend the efforts of all who have been and continue to be involved in this planning process, and I respectfully request that the North Central Texas Region be designated as an Economic Development District.

Sincerely,

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Dear Mr. Ayala,

I support the designation of the North Central Texas Council of Governments (NCTCOG), State Planning Region 4, as an Economic Development District, comprising the 16 counties including, Collin, Dallas, Denton, Erath, Ellis, Hood, Hunt, Johnson, Kaufman, Navarro, Palo Pinto, Parker, Rockwall, Somervell, Tarrant and Wise, and representing 6.8 million people.

I further give support to and approval of the Comprehensive Economic Development Strategies (CEDS) prepared by NCTCOG and its regional CEDS committee, which included participation of its member counties, cities, educational institutions, private sector business representatives, chambers, economic development leaders and stakeholders in both the public and private sectors. The number of participants working on the CEDS is impressive and demonstrates the commitment by the region to the furtherance of economic development. The result is a document that outlines goals and objectives and provides a roadmap for enhanced economic development and improved quality of life for the citizens living in the region.

Finally, I commend the efforts of all who have been and continue to be involved in the planning process and encourage a swift designation of the region as an Economic Development District.

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