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Railroad Commissioners,

I am a proud Texan and Houstonian who is employed in the oil and gas industry with Ovintiv Inc., an independent oil and gas company with more than 2,000 employees. My livelihood depends on the oil/gas industry so I am critically aware and watchful of what our local, state and federal governments are enacting as it relates to the industry.

I understand the Commission has scheduled a video hearing on Tuesday, April 14, to discuss implementing oil proration measures statewide in response to the current world market situation. I am an ardent believer in free-market solutions and strongly feel it would not be prudent for the Commission to curtail production statewide or for that matter, in any region. Texas should remain a free market state.

There is no doubt in my mind that prorationing penalizes *efficient* producers and distorts free markets. This potential also would give Saudi Arabia, Russia and other OPEC nations leverage over Texas in perpetuity.

I appreciate consideration of my views and do not wish to testify at the scheduled meeting.

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