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Dear Texas Railroad Commission,

I write as a Texan in the oil and natural gas business.

I do not believe it is wise or appropriate for the Texas Railroad Commission to engage in a prorating or curtailment of production statewide or in any region in response to the current crisis.

Texas should remain a free market state. Prorating penalizes efficient producers and distorts free markets. Investment, ingenuity and innovation that produced the U.S. shale revolution happened because of the free market principles that our state and nation embrace. We should not abandon them now because we will need the same environment when the current crisis ebbs.

Thank you for your consideration of my views, and I do not wish to testify at the scheduled meeting.

Regards,  
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