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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.

I would support support subsidies for small market producers during the crises such as we are going through no. I believe this would help sustain the US market against monolithic oligarchical states such Russia and Saudi Arabia if those subsidies would be lifted at a price point above a reasonable amount to be set by the RRC.

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