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Hello,

I am writing to you as a Texan who has lived throughout the state from childhood, and has been employed in the oil and gas industry for the past two years. Advocating first and foremost as a Texan, and secondarily as someone currently in the industry, I would like to voice my concerns about the Railroad Commission's consideration to engage in a prorating or curtailment of production statewide, or in any region. Texas, as an entity and for the good of the country at large, should remain a free market state. Prorating penalizes efficient producers and distorts free markets, reciprocating negative impacts on the economy for years to come. In the short term, it 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.

Thank you,

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