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October 14, 2024 @ 08:11pm Don't Tread on Texas Oil and Gas!

Commissioners,

I am reaching out to voice my endorsement of the proposed revisions to the oil and gas waste regulations currently available for public review through the Secretary of State's office. In contrast to the overreaching federal mandates stemming from the Biden administration's ambitious environmental agenda, our state has cultivated pragmatic and efficient practices that enable our oil and gas sector to thrive while safeguarding our natural resources.

Regrettably, certain advocacy organizations are attempting to sway the Railroad Commission into adopting stringent, Biden-esque regulations on energy producers as part of this regulatory update. While these groups claim to champion environmental protection and landowner rights, their true agenda is to impede fossil fuel extraction, thereby threatening employment opportunities, economic development, and the energy affordability Texans rely upon.

The petroleum industry is a cornerstone of our state's economy. It generates countless jobs, drives economic growth, and ensures that all Texans have access to dependable and cost-effective energy. We must not allow the extreme ideologies of well-funded interest groups such as 'Commission Shift' and 'Don't Waste Texas' to erode property rights, disrupt our way of life, or compromise our state's prosperity.

I implore you to continue prioritizing the interests of Texans by maintaining a measured approach to regulation—one that protects our environment and water resources without stifling the engine of our economy. Please stand firm against these efforts and ensure that Texas remains at the forefront of energy production.

I appreciate your leadership and commitment to keeping our great state robust and thriving.

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