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Dear Commissioners,

On behalf of the Young Conservatives of Texas, I am writing to express our preference for the current draft of the oil and gas waste rule revisions, as posted for public comment with the Secretary of State. While we recognize that the rule is still being refined, with definitions and provisions subject to change, we strongly urge the Railroad Commission to reject the demands of left-wing special interests. Instead, the Commission should prioritize the insights of the oil and gas businesses that drive job creation, economic growth, and energy security in Texas. Reverting to the previous, more heavy-handed version of the rule would be a step backward. We encourage the Railroad Commission to continue refining the rule in a way that balances environmental concerns with the practical needs of the industry.

Texas has long been a leader in energy production, and it has done so by allowing innovation and free enterprise to flourish without the weight of overbearing regulations. Unfortunately, groups like Commission Shift, Don't Waste Texas, and The Sierra Club want Texas to implement the kind of restrictive policies seen in the Biden administration's Green New Deal agenda, which has already proven detrimental to energy producers across the country.

These regulations would not only hamper job creation and economic growth but will also jeopardize the affordable energy Texans rely on. It is clear that special interest groups are pushing for these changes under the guise of environmental protection, but their true goal is to keep oil and gas in the ground and transition to expensive, less reliable forms of energy. This will hurt families, businesses, and communities that depend on the industry for jobs, stability, and energy security.

We urge the Commission to reject these proposed revisions and instead adopt a regulatory approach that reduces restrictions and supports the long-term success of the oil and gas industry. By scaling back unnecessary regulations, we can ensure that Texas remains at the forefront of energy production, powering our nation while securing economic prosperity for generations to come.

Thank you for your leadership and for standing up for the principles that have made Texas a model of economic freedom and energy independence.

Sincerely, Nate Dunning Chairman

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