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Railroad Commission of Texas  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

Browning Oil Company, Inc. is a small, family-owned exploration and production company that has been in business for fifty years. We have drilled hundreds of wells over the years in Texas, New Mexico, Louisiana and Oklahoma. Browning has chosen to conduct oil and gas exploration exclusively in Texas based on adverse rules, regulations and non-business friendly environments in states such as New Mexico and Louisiana.

I am writing to express how Browning Oil Company, Inc. highly disapproves of the proposed pit rule changes that would economically damage and harm small companies. The existing Rule 8 pit rules have been working extremely well and are less wasteful. I don't believe a change is needed in Texas, and any such change would adversely affect the ability of small operators to conduct business in Texas.

I appreciate your time.

Best Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Kelly Blackwood". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Kelly Blackwood  
Vice-President of Engineering, Asset Manager