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Dear Commissioners,

I have read where the RRC will commence hearings to determine the need for oil proration as a means to bring the supply/demand equation back into some semblance of order. As a producer and operator in the State of Texas since 1992, I am requesting that you not institute this policy on the States industry. Perhaps a more reasonable answer is to cease flaring. This is suggested for numerous reasons, but primarily as a means to reduce the current over supply of oil. Secondly, by ceasing flaring the RRC will be taking a positive step toward taking away a huge hammer those opposed to hydrocarbons has. This hammer will be used to beat our industry mercilessly in the political/public arena. Thirdly, we are using a rule from the early 1900's in 2020. The gas being flared is a precious natural resource that is being wasted. The RRC's number one charge is to prevent waste. Finally, this wanton over drilling has crushed the industry's small independent operators.

This may seem be harsh to those who are currently implementing this practice, but, they are the ones who created the current over supply by reckless drilling for a commodity we're awash in. I have said for years "we drill ourselves out of prosperity every time"! My first experience with this was in 1982 then 1986 and so on. We have a boom and then a bust. A never ending cycle. What's the common denominator? Lust for money which results in over drilling and the bust that follows. Never

is there any thought of what the outcome will be. By eliminating the flaring component more prudent business decisions will have to be made. Thus drilling and development of our States natural resources can and will transpire in a more sensible manner.

Thank for your time and thoughtful consideration,

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