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Dear Chairman Craddick,

I'm a Republican and supporter of Texas energy and America's energy independence. I'm glad to see the RRC is reviewing the 40-year-old Rule 8 and I want to weigh in on proposed changes that may be receiving pushback from small independents.

As a very small business owner myself, I understand the cost of doing business but ethics and safety come first for me. I also believe a company's size shouldn't exempt it from the responsibility of protecting our natural resources.

My late husband's family leased land for drilling back in the 60s, maybe even further back before I knew him, but my point is that no family members are alive today who can tell me if drilling waste was disposed of on any of their properties. My grandchildren are now marrying and moving into subdivisions that were once land just like my father-in-law and his father leased for drilling and I shudder to think what might be underneath.

I'm writing to ask you to strengthen regulations related to disposal of oilfield waste by:

- (1) requiring landowner notification, consent and right to accept or reject on-site waste disposal, and
- (2) requiring ALL pits be lined, and
- (3) establishing minimum requirements for leak detection and groundwater monitoring.

Thank you for serving the citizens of Texas.

Sincerely,

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