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Dear Rules Coordinator,

I had a full career in the oil and gas industry working for one major oil company. I feel so fortunate for the opportunity I had and I could not be more proud of my career of working in the oil and gas industry. I have two children who are now working in the oil and gas industry and I am also a land owner / mineral owner of a ranch with several plugged wells as well as a producing well. Throughout my career I worked on projects across Texas as well as five other states plus international operations.

It has been my observation that operators that who are not required to plug wells and clean up surface equipment will do everything possible to delay any plugging / clean up operations as long as possible and should be held accountable to plug out their idle wells in a timely manner. If operators are not held accountable they will in all likelihood A) end up walking away from operations or B)sell to a smaller LLC who has no intentions of plugging wells and will only declare bankruptcy when wells do not cover operating costs.

I have four temporary plugged wells on my ranch and without tighter, enforceable rules in place, I fully expect these four wells will remain not P&A'd or orphaned with rotting surface equipment for decades to come.

By not addressing the inactive / orphaned well issue via putting teeth into SB 1150, we are only making our Texas Oil and gas industry look bad as well as passing on hundreds of millions of dollars in plugging cost to the citizens of Texas.

We have some wonderful employees in the Texas Railroad Commission, I hope we can give them the tools they need to do what they know is the right thing to do by holding operators accountable to their obligations.

Thank you,
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