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Attached hereto you will find written comments from members of the Lovington City Commission in regards to the proposed rules to reduce methane emissions in the oil and gas sector.



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Oil Conservation Commission

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Dear Members of the Oil Conservation Commission,

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Sincerely,



Mayor David Trujillo
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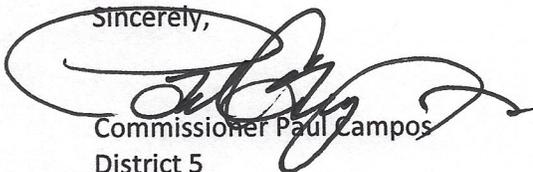
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