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Dear Member of the Texas Legislature:

Thank you for your leadership and service during the 86th Texas Legislative Session. You are part of a process that accomplished many good things for Texas.

As have many of you, members of the Texas Oil & Gas Association, other associations and entities have spent countless hours over several sessions seeking to find a workable solution to address concerns with our state's eminent domain system. While many meaningful improvements were offered, it is regrettable that a balanced and functional eminent domain bill was not agreed upon this session. However, on an issue as important as this one is to both property owners and the millions of Texans who rely on the essential services that are delivered by critical infrastructure, there is no room for error as statutory changes are being contemplated.

The ability to responsibly develop infrastructure to meet the growing needs of Texas cannot become dysfunctional, but there is room to make changes. We remain committed to working with landowners and the Texas Legislature in the development of the infrastructure that all Texas communities and families rely upon every day.

Sincerely yours,

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

Todd Staples