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BRAZORIA COUNTY (PART)

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The Honorable Gary Gensler Chairman U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission 100 F Street NE Washington, DC 20549-1090

RE: SEC File No. S7-10-22

Dear Chairman Gensler.

Thank you for your dedicated service to our great nation, and for the opportunity to submit comments on the Commission's proposed rule S7-10-22. It is my understanding that this rule will require registrants to provide certain climate-related information in their registration statements and annual reports.

If this climate-related information includes greenhouse gas emission data from supply chains including farms and ranches, we can reasonably expect to see a real burden being placed on some of our most important producers. In Texas, we have over 250,000 farms and ranches, and the vast majority are small or family-owned operations. I know many of them in my district, and respect their important role in our economy and supply chain.

Even a good-faith effort by producers will prove to be incredibly difficult, as the federal government has already acknowledged. There is no agreed-upon methodology, a high likelihood of inaccuracy, all leading to legal risk that our farmers and ranchers need to avoid.

I request that as the Commission drafts the language of rule S7-10-22 that it makes every effort to avoid directly or indirectly placing this inappropriate reporting task on our farmers and ranchers who the nation is depending on to manage and improve our delicate supply chain.

Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on this proposed rule. If I can be of any assistance, please reach out.

Sincerely,