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The Honorable Rick Perry
Governor of Texas
Texas State Capitol
P.O. Box 12428
Austin, Texas 78711

Dear Governor Perry:

With the current drought conditions and the devastating wildfires in Texas, I request you issue a waiver to suspend the permitting requirements and legal height restrictions for round hay bales and associated permit fees for carriers transporting hay.

My office has received numerous requests from producers who are in dire need of hay. Previous suspensions of permitting requirements and height restrictions for transporting hay were instrumental in assisting livestock producers to acquire hay they desperately needed to continue operating in past droughts.

Thank you for your work on behalf of Texas agriculture and on-going attention to drought and wildfire issues. Please contact me if I may be of any assistance to you.

Sincerely yours,

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