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April 20, 2012

Mr. Ted Houghton  
Chairman  
Texas Transportation Commission  
125 East 11th Street  
Austin, Texas 78701-2483

RE: Suspension of Requirements for Transporting Cylindrical Hay Bales

Dear Chairman Houghton:

On July 7, 2011, I issued a letter suspending the permitting requirements and legal height restriction for cylindrical (round) hay bales, and associated permit fees, for carriers transporting round bales of hay. Such suspension is hereby extended and shall remain in effect until midnight, May 20, 2012, unless extended or repealed.

Thank you for your prompt attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

*RICK PERRY*

Rick Perry  
Governor

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cc: The Honorable Todd Staples, Commissioner, Texas Department of Agriculture  
Ms. A. Cynthia (Cindy) Leon, Chair, Texas Public Safety Commission