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Members of the Senate Committee on Natural Resources:

The Lieutenant Governor has recently assigned several additional issues for the Committee to study as part of our interim charges. One of these additional charges focuses on the oil and gas industry in Texas and the recently announced energy reforms in Mexico.

Many of you may already be aware that Mexico is home to approximately 10% of the world's shale reserve, much of which is part of the Eagle Ford Shale that straddles the border of Texas and Mexico. The Mexican government has opened production opportunities up to international oil and gas companies to exploit what may be vast reserves.

Texas producers are particularly well-suited to take advantage of the change that will come with energy reform in Mexico, and Texas communities and businesses may well benefit from cross border development of the Eagle Ford Shale. However, it is our responsibility to look at both the benefits as well as the challenges for Texas rising from Northern Mexico's energy boom.

I have decided to appoint a subcommittee to study the following charge:

Senator Hinojosa (Chair)
Senator Zaffirini
Senator Seliger
Senator Uresti
Senator Nichols

Examine the impact on Texas' economy and businesses of the recent expansion of oil and gas production in Northern Mexico. Assess opportunities for economic growth in Texas and collaboration between Texas businesses and Mexico resulting from Mexico's energy reform, including Mexico's efforts to recover shale gas from the Eagle Ford Shale.

I would request that members instruct their staff to contact Tara Rejino, the Committee Director in Natural Resources, to coordinate and facilitate meeting during the interim.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Troy Fraser".

Troy Fraser
State Senator

