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To whom it may concern,

The mission of Texas Wildlife Rehabilitation Coalition (TWRC) is to promote environmental conservation through public education and the rehabilitation of native Texas wildlife. TWRC aims to increase the understanding and respect for the role that all living creatures play in our fragile urban ecosystem and the significance of biodiversity in our shared community.

At TWRC, we care for injured, orphaned, and otherwise displaced native Texas animals starting in our emergency room and then through on-going rehabilitation either in our on-site Animal Care Program or under the care of permitted rehabilitators. All TWRC animals are then placed in outdoor caging to ensure they are acclimated to weather as well as exhibiting necessary foraging and nesting behaviors before being released back into the wild.

Once the animals have been acclimated it is release day! This is the day all rehabilitators look forward to – when the animal(s) they have been caring for are able to return to the free life from which they came. It is our responsibility to find a suitable place to release the animals so they have the best chance for survival. We can't release animals just anywhere, however. We must have written permission from the property owner or entity that owns the property in order to release at that location (per TPWD Wildlife Rehabilitation Permit Rules amendment 69.51).

Most of TWRC's native Texas wildlife patients consist of small mammals (squirrels, opossums, rabbits), songbirds, raptors, waterfowl, and turtles. Per TPWD permit laws, it is illegal to release animals that are likely to become a nuisance, a disease threat, or a depredation threat. We always try to return animals as close to their home range as possible and in an area that poses little danger from humans and has sufficient space, food, and water. It is not our intention or wish to inundate any one piece of property with too many animals. We are therefore reaching out to many local parks and other landowners to ensure our releases are spread out.

We are writing to you to ask for your help in partnering with TWRC by granting permission to release animals on your property. We have attached a permission document that you can fill out and email or physically mail back to us. Please don't hesitate to contact me if you have any questions.

Thank you for taking the time to read our letter and for your consideration of our request.

Sincerely,

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