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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I for one, never supported the creation of a government agency to provide licensing for geosciences, or any other professional scientific discipline. I went to college and worked very hard to obtain a BS in Geology, an MS in Business, completed all requirements except for a transfer into the department for MS in Mathematics, and earned a PhD in Geophysics, all from accredited U.S. Universities. I also worked for over 30 years in the industry with major oil corporations, oil-field service providers and smaller consultancies. I surely do not feel any need for the State of Texas to "qualify" me as a geoscientist.

Even though I could have been grandfathered in at the time, I refused to participate on principal. If Texas A&M University saw fit to award me a PhD in geophysics, I think that is credentials enough for the state of Texas, or any other state for that matter.

Back when I went to college, and even still at the level of PhD today, universities did and still do actually teach students something... part of that learning being an understanding that you have to work to earn your qualifications, not pay a fee to the government. The faster this, as well as PE and other such nonsense government certifications/licenses are done away with, the better our educational, legal and corporate systems will become... not to mention improvements in less government spending. Lawyers and bureaucrats should not dictate qualification standards, recognized university and industry professionals in the discipline should, through personal interaction. That's what gaining an education and experience in something is all about... at least to me.

Who would you have arguing your case in a courtroom, someone with three-plus college degrees and 30 years of experience; or someone fresh out of college with a BS who passed the state licensing test? The thought is absurd, ridiculous and frankly insulting.

I heartfelt and mindful thanks to you for your time and this opportunity to express myself. Things were fine the way

they were, no need for government obfuscation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe my recommendations are implicit in what I discussed above.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree