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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to the deregulation of the licensing and regulation of polygraph examiners in the State of Texas. I believe that by allowing anyone and everyone to be a polygraph examiner or a decipher of truth & lie by whatever means, you will severely affect the people that rely on this profession. The deregulation will cause there to be no professionalism, accuracy, ethics, training, etc in this profession. This will largely impact the effectiveness of probation/parole officers and judges that rely on tests to verify the sex offenders who are on probation/parole. This will also affect police agencies that rely on hiring civilian companies to do their polygraph examinations. This will affect anyone that hires a polygraph examiner expecting that they are trained and that they are getting an accurate service, which could apply to anyone that lives in Texas. The police agencies that currently rely on the oversight by TDLR that require initial training, continuing education, standards, etc would then be less likely to use the service. This could cause a chain reaction of fewer qualified candidates hired as police officers and fire fighters. This would be detrimental in so many ways. I do not know how this could be anything but negative for the residents in the State of Texas. I would use an analogy such as deregulating driver's license and letting ANYONE drive any vehicle that they wanted such as a bus with your children on it every day. It's just a bad idea and shouldn't happen.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: There needs to be standards of training and standards of who qualifies to be a polygraph examiner by some type of agency to oversee polygraph examiners if you must take it away from TDLR.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree