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TO whom it may concern:

Geology is a profession that does need fundamental baseline of training and experience just as the Engineering profession. Abandoning the licensure would not be good for the people of the State of Texas. Here in Pennsylvania the State ensures the quality of the work being done for the public is of the highest quality and that future Professional Geologists, those young professionals who will fill the roles of retiring geologists to fulfill our statutory mandate to protect public health and safety, will be forced to sit for examinations which are not relevant to the profession of geology as it is practiced in the Commonwealth. I have personal experience prior to our licensure and some currently with poor quality of submissions or just poor science. The practice of geology differs vastly across the various regions of America and many of the regional idiosyncrasies of nomenclature and practice are not applicable to the practice of geology in Pennsylvania. Texas is no different. It is also a fact that ASBOG exam has historically been influenced strongly by geologists from member states in the western areas of America, such as California, Delaware, Oklahoma, Wyoming and Colorado, and where geology has long been a regulated profession. Much as we respect our colleagues' expertise from those states, the nature of the work and the specifics of the practice of geology in such states are not only significantly different than in the east, but many aspects of the practice are not applicable or relevant to the tasks facing prospective Pennsylvania professionals.

Pennsylvanian Council of Professional Geologists (PCPG) has long taken an active role to ensure that the State Registration Board includes geologist members who are not only experts in their respective fields of geology, but who will be strong advocates of Pennsylvania's interest. PCPG conducts high quality PDH-CEU review courses to maintain that baseline of hard science going in into the consulting and review of geologic work. PCPG has reached out to our colleagues and we assure you that the community of Professionals is equally opposed to Texas considering sun-setting licensure.

Sincerely,

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