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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:
OPPOSED:

Greetings,

On behalf of all members of the Texas Association of Law Enforcement Polygraph Investigators (TALEPI), I would like to formally OPPOSE the Sunset recommendations to deregulate polygraph in Texas. All members of TALEPI voted during our annual training conference in June 2020 to oppose the recommendations of the Sunset commission. It is paramount for public safety that the polygraph industry continues to be regulated by the State of Texas.

Without regulation there would be no minimal competency standard for polygraph examiners conducting tests inside the State of Texas.

Organizations and associations such as TALEPI, Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners (TAPE), the American Polygraph Association (APA) and the American Association of Police Polygraphists (AAPP) have no regulatory authority to govern the actions of anyone conducting polygraphs. Sanctions by these organizations do not discourage poor/dangerous business practices as a State regulations ensure.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Alternative and/or recommendations would be to move the regulation and oversight to The Texas Commission of Law Enforcement, the majority of polygraph examiners in Texas are employed by law enforcement agencies. Or move the polygraph program under the Texas Department of Public Safety.

I am free to testify on behalf of TALEPI if called to do so.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree