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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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City: Baytown

State: Texas

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

Dear Sirs and Madams,

Please accept this letter as public comment AGAINST the removal from Texas State Law the title acts and enabling statutes for Registered Code Enforcement Officers. This Program and Profession IS CRITICAL IN ENSURING PUBLIC WELFARE, despite the Sunset Advisory Commission's recent recommendation to the contrary.

Maintaining the health and welfare of the citizens of our community and those of other communities in our state is absolutely appropriate for regulation under the Department of State Health Services. Litter, rubbish, standing water, junk vehicles, old tires, building materials waste all contribute to the habitat for disease-carrying vermin and mosquitoes. These conditions, together with the dilapidated buildings that are addressed daily by members of this profession, are the key to combating urban blight and the "broken-window syndrome" that is so often an early harbinger of crime.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Registered Code Enforcement Officers are on the front lines of this essential fight to safeguard the public. Please reconsider, and KEEP this program in place in State Law to PROTECT Texans.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendy B. Vola, Coordinator
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c: Tony Gray, Assistant Director

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree