

Dear Senator Allen:

I'm writing to urge your support in amending current HB 2613 to strike Sections F and G as sponsored by Senator Donahue. These clauses are not only unnecessary due to adequate exceptions provided in existing law, but are a threat to public health, safety, and welfare as it allows for a secondary class of people with uncertain qualifications to practice in Arizona without any accountability to the public through the Board of Technical Registration. This could provide a means for individuals who have had past ethical and safety violations, convicted felons, or those with revoked licenses due to malpractice in other states to practice geology and potentially endanger the citizens of Arizona with no accountability available. Additionally, these clauses serve to weaken the profession of geology in the State of Arizona, making Arizona geologists less competitive in other states and are particularly damaging to geologists who own and operate small businesses.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding geologist licensure and the effects of licensure programs on the practice of geology.

Sincerely,
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