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Office of the Governor
P.O. Box 12428
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Dear Governor Perry

The National Society of Consulting Soil Scientists is a strong advocate of geoscience licensing for consumer protection and for protection of public health, safety, and welfare.

State licensing is our most effective tool for assuring quality services and work products to the public. It accomplishes this by advancing individuals with solid credentials. Texas' state licensing program for geoscientists is among the best in the nation. It is financially self supporting. It is therefore of grave concern to our members in Texas, as well as our national membership, that Texas could consider suspending the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

We want to assure you that this program is highly regarded for its professional caliber and financial self sufficiency. We respectfully request that your office support continued operation of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Mark S. McClain". The signature is written in a cursive style and is positioned above a horizontal line.

Mark S. McClain, NSCSS President