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Dear Sirs:

I find the proposed doubling of registration fees unconscionable particularly in these difficult economic times. Even the relatively successful gas industry in Pennsylvania has been cutting back and faces threats of additional taxes that will further impact its operations and staffing.

In my case there are additional impacts that make this proposed increase difficult. As you can see from my signature block below, it will impact me doubly since I am both a registered geologist and engineer.

In addition I have been retired for over 3 years. While I am not practicing on a regular basis I would like to have the ability to practice my profession legally if something comes up that I would be interested in. As a result, I have been obtaining the necessary PDHs at my own expense to maintain my registrations. This additional registration cost increase represents an unreasonable additional expense for retired individuals.

I also believe and would hope the Legislature would require additional documentation including details on administrative and staff costs to prove this increase is really necessary. If you truly do need additional funds to operate, I would suggest that a more modest increase be supplemented with a more rigorous enforcement of the violations of the registration law so that additional fines and civil penalties can be collected.

If the board was truly interested in enforcement, it would take little effort to find many more violations. For instance, it is not been uncommon to see individuals practicing without a license or outside their area of expertise, conflicts of interest, etc.

I would hope and request the board reconsiders this onerous increase.

Sincerely,

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