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Director Kuntz:

The Texas Association of Law Enforcement Polygraph Investigators (TALEPI) is comprised of approximately 120 licensed polygraph examiners in the State of Texas. One of the objectives of the association is to provide input to any entity which provides oversight regarding polygraph licensing in the State of Texas. Therefore, the purpose of this letter is to express the views of the association's membership regarding proposed administrative rule changes to polygraph licensing fees.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the proposed fee reductions. As an association we fully support the proposed fee reductions. We would also ask consideration be given to further fee reductions, bring our fees more in line with the average TDLR licensing fee. Not only is the polygraph license more expensive than other licenses issued by TDLR, the Texas polygraph examiner license is the most expensive polygraph examiner license in the United States. Polygraph licensing fees for an examiner in other states range from as little as \$25.00 to as much as \$200.00.

One of the association's primary objectives is to educate members of the polygraph profession. To such an end, we would like to partner with the TDLR in maintaining the highest level of professionalism in the polygraph community. The association's initial understanding of how the licensing fee is established was it was largely based on the number of complaints the profession would receive and the amount of resources required to investigate those complaints. If our understanding is correct, then we would request that the agency provide information regarding those figures, as well as information regarding the nature of those complaints in a joint effort to educate the members of our profession. Ultimately, we believe that our ability to educate our members would lead to reduced workloads for the TDLR.

It is our intention not only to bring forth recommendations, but to offer solutions. Together we can work to protect the interests of the citizens of Texas. Thank you again for the opportunity to discuss polygraph matters and we look forward to continuing this dialogue.

Sincerely,

Matt Hicks  
President