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SUBJECT: What is Your Professional Geology Business License Worth to You?

Dear Fellow Geologist:

Have you considered the impact of losing Professional Geology (PG) Business Licensure? In the 2017 Florida Legislative session we narrowly escaped the elimination of the entire PG Business License program. Representative Halsey Beshears is back again and as promised has filed HB 15 (2018) the deregulation bill that includes geology businesses.

Early in the 2017 legislative session, both the Florida House and Senate introduced bills that called for the removal of several professional business licenses, including geology. Thanks to the tireless efforts of our FAPG lobbyist, Phil Leary, we were successful in removing the PG language from the Senate's bill. During the final hours of session, corresponding House Bill (HB 7407) died in messages to the senate thanks to Senator Kathleen Passidomo and her support of PG's.

That's the good news. The bad news is that Representative Beshears has filed a new bill for the 2018 Session that targets geologists and other professions again. **There is grave concern that deregulation will not stop at business licenses, PG licenses may be next. We must continue our lobbying efforts beginning immediately to stop adverse legislation in 2018.**

Maintaining lobbyist services is not inexpensive. FAPG estimates an annual base lobbying fee of \$20K. If every business and individual gives a little, we can do a lot to protect our licenses and livelihood. Continued license protection happens through our increased lobbying and legislative activities. It's time to be proactive; this is going to be a very challenging year.

We ask you to please fill out the attached invoice and send a check or make a direct donation to support our efforts through the FAPG/PayPal link provided. Your contribution may not only save business licenses, but may also protect PG licensing in Florida. We need your help and support to protect our licensure, professional credibility and our client base!

Sincerely,

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FAPG-AIPG President

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