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To: Members of the Assembly Committee on Regulatory Licensing Reform

FR: Trevor Nobile, Chair of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists

RE: CR 24-078 relating to professional development for professional geologists and CR 24-079 relating to professional development for professional hydrologists

Chair Sortwell and Committee members,

Thank you for the opportunity to speak to you today about CR 24-078 and CR 24-079 relating to professional development for geologists and hydrologists. My name is Trevor Nobile, a licensed professional geologist and Chair of the Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists.

The Examining Board of Professional Geologists, Hydrologists and Soil Scientists supports the creation of continuing education requirements for licensed professional geologists and hydrologists practicing in the state of Wisconsin. The board believes continuing education for these professions is important to stay current with the knowledge of their field, ensure compliance with ethics and standards, and to provide the best possible service to the public. Currently, licensed professional geologists and hydrologists in the state do not have any continuing education requirements.

The proposed rules are in line with many other professions that require continuing education to practice in the state and are not considered to be an undue burden or to have a negative economic impact on the field. The board carefully considered viability, flexibility, and applicability in developing proposed requirements, including seeking input from the public and trade groups.

Technology and science within the geology and hydrology disciplines are ever evolving, and the proposed requirements for continuing education would ensure that professionals in this field uphold the high standard of professional service and public safety we have in Wisconsin.

I would like to thank you for your time today, and I would be happy to answer any questions you may have. Thank you.

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