



GOVERNOR GREG ABBOTT

June 22, 2018

Dear Agency Head:

In 1981, President Reagan issued Executive Order 12291, establishing White House review of new regulations proposed by federal agencies. Since then, presidents have reviewed new regulations in order to coordinate policy among agencies, eliminate redundancies and inefficiencies, and provide a dispassionate "second opinion" on the costs and benefits of proposed agency actions.

In light of the success of regulatory review at the federal level, Governor Abbott is clarifying the process for review of new rules proposed by state agencies. Prior to publication of a proposed rule in the *Texas Register*, the Office of the Governor will review the Notice of Proposed Rule as well as the agency's internal analysis of the rule. The rulemaking memorandum template enclosed with this letter contains instructions for providing that information.

Thank you for your cooperation with this initiative. If you have any questions about this process, please contact the policy advisor assigned to your agency.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Luis Saenz", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Luis Saenz
Chief of Staff
Office of the Governor

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Enclosure