From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 5:43 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Don

Last Name: Bell

Title: Environmental Manager

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Dallas

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: As an environmental professional, and E.I.T. in the State of Texas with almost 20 years of experience, I oppose the abolishment of the TBPG. I have worked on large projects with several P.G.'s over the course of my career, and have found their expertise to be valuable in the delineation, evaluation, and remediation of historic contamination issues in order to protect human health and the environment. The existence of the TBPG and their licensing program allows one to have a greater level of confidence in the abilities and aptitude of individuals possessing a current P.G.

certification when selecting third-party consultants. In addition, it does not appear that the TBGP results in any net cost to the taxpayers, but rather, contributes a net positive to the General Fund. The TBGP serves a valuable function for Texas residents, with no net taxpayer cost, and should remain intact.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have no alternatives or new recommendations on this agency, as I believe that the TBPG has been serving the public's interest in a manner consistent with its defined purpose.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree