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From: Richard B Beverlin Jr
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Subject: Texas Board of Geological Scientists

MEMBERS OF THE SUNSET COMMISSION

I have been a member in good standing with TBGS since its inception. I understand you are reviewing the usefulness of licensure in the State of Texas.

I sincerely belief licensure has been of GREAT benefit to:

1. The State of Texas and
2. The communities and companies operating in this State

Why? It ensures that clients be they government at the State, County, or City Level are assured that they are utilizing geoscientists with the Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities required to make proper decisions about the geoscientific WISDOM for various projects that licensed engineers cannot do BUT IN MANY CASES IGNORE. They TOTALLY LACK that capability by education and training to do that AND OFTEN we see the catastrophic results of engineers trying to CLAIM they can evaluate the geologic aspects of a project. That is total lunacy is largely a reason the State licenses both AS THEY SHOULD.

Let us not go back to the stone age by NOT UTILIZING SCIENCE.

We need to continue with the Texas Board of Geological Scientists. Geoscience is every bit and in some case more important than engineering and it is NOT A SUBSET OF THAT PROFESSION. Look no further that homes falling in in the State of Florida because some engineer signed off a subdivision plan without consideration of geoscientific data which are readily available. That is total ignorance and the people of Texas deserve better.

I implore you to renew TBGS and recognition of AIPG aand AAPG.

Sincerely,

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