From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

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

Sent: Tuesday, August 28, 2018 9:42 AM

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

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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Taylor

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Organization you are affiliated with: GSI Environmental

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed:

Continue the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Do not repeal Texas Geoscience Practice Act.

The TBPG sets and monitors educational and professional experience standards for geoscientists in Texas to ensure public welfare. The program is a monitoring body for the ethical responsibilities of professional geoscientists and acts as a third-party review for practitioners within the state to minimize ethical and scientific oversights.

Environmental consulting and regulation would be negatively impacted if the TBPG were removed. The Board ensures the practicing professionals have the experience and education to protect people, wildlife, and the environment.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

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More specialized tests for each industry could benefit the practicing professionals with a test on the knowledge applicable to their field.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree