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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am writing you from Houston, about the Sunset Commission Hearing for public testimony about the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. I am opposed to removing the Texas Geoscientists licensing. When I was leaving the Montana School of Mines (now Montana School of Mineral Science and Technology) I was interested in getting an Engineering license.

Unfortunately, there is no license for Geophysical Engineers or Geological Engineers. Several years later Texas proposed the Professional Geoscientists licensing, which was met with a lot of company and personal opposition. At the time I reached out to my father and asked his opinion about becoming a licensed Geoscientist, and his response was immediate, yes. My father was a licensed professional surveyor in three states and a Federal licensed Mineral Surveyor in the US and at the time on the Montana board of registrants developing, reviewing and administrating exams for Montana surveying and engineering. His opinion was simple, something I believe still, licensed geoscientists, surveyors and engineers are held to a higher standard than unlicensed individuals. With a license, you have something to uphold and to lose if you are not holding up the rules of the license. We, as licensed Geoscientists, have more to gain and to lose by having a license.

I think it is important to be licensed in the geoscience industries, especially when dealing with the public. The public needs to know the person they are dealing with has the credentials to perform the tasks they are relying on and know that the person has set themselves to a much higher standard.

The oil and gas sector of geoscience has been and might continue to be, prone to unethical behavior, having a licensed, qualified geoscientist would limit this behavior and help promote better behavior by persons that are not licensed.

I feel we should keep the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists as it is and not let the sunset committee abolish the Board and the licenses.

Thank you,

Thomas D. Bowman

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I feel we should keep the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists as it is and not let the sunset committee abolish the Board and the licenses. PLEASE DO NOT REMOVE THE TEXAS BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTIST Thank you, Thomas D. Bowman Texas Profession Geoscientist, TXPG 2383 AAPG Profession Geophysicist, CGP #140.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree