

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Brittany Calame](#)
Subject: FW: Sunset Commission Recommendation to Abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists
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From: Steve Brachman
Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:55 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
Subject: Sunset Commission Recommendation to Abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

I strongly concur with your recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

I have the following qualifications:

- Bachelors and Master's Degrees in Geology.
- Professional Geologist with over 37 years of experience.
- Past President of the Houston Geological Society.
- Past Vice-President (Sections) of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists.

Appreciate the effort and thoughtfulness that went into your recommendation.

Best Regards,

Steve

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From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 12:18 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Steven

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

I am writing in response to a request for public comment on this issue, solicited by the Houston Geological Society. I am past-President of the HGS.

I very strongly support the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geologists. I agree with the findings of the commission and believe they did a great job in determining the fundamental reasons why the TBPG should be abolished. Geologists and the geosciences do not need to be regulated and the TBPG pursued no actions during its time in existence in which practices by geoscientists endangered the public welfare.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None - abolish the TBPG and do not replace

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree