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

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

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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Raymond

Last Name: Brady

Title: Owner

Organization you are affiliated with: RMBJ Geo Inc

Email:

City: Floydada

State: Texas

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

I strongly support the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation to abolish the Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My very small business (two full-time and one part time employee) is subject to the rules and procedures established by the Geoscientists Board. To the best of my knowledge, I am currently in compliance with all their rules and have been so throughout their existence.

Note that many practicing geoscientists are exempt from regulation by this board, specifically those working in the petroleum industry. This selective exemption reduces the ability of the board to provide meaningful protection of human health and safety.

The academic community is has exemptions from board requirements.

My company, established in 2006, has received no benefit from the board activities. The net effect has been a thinly disguised tax on the company itself, loss of time responding to demands for documentation of training activity, and expense of individual and company licensing fees.

The effort to establish this board appears to have been led by the academic community and state agency staff personnel, both of whom are consumers of tax dollars, not producers of jobs or tax income for the state.

The establishment of this board has provided positions for more political appointees, positions for additional state employees, added expense for small businesses, and helps large businesses stifle competition from smaller organizations.

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Geoscientists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly support the Sunset Advisory Commission recommendation to abolish the Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree