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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 1:42 PM
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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State: Texas

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

Dear Mr. Chairman and Members of the Board, Thank you for the opportunity to submit comments on the Sunset
Advisory

Commission staff recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional
Geoscientists (TBPG). I strongly disagree with this recommendation. The licensure of geoscience professionals is
essential to the health, safety, and welfare of Texas citizens. Texans deserve high standards of geoscience practice,
and that this requires oversight of geoscience professionals by the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.
I am aware that many long arguments have been submitted to counter those made in the staff recommendation. I
plan to keep things simple. Areas of geologic concern are all around you travel across our wonderful state. For
example, the Cambria cave sinkhole that recently opened up in Williamson County, land subsidence in Houston and
the Permian Basin, declining groundwater aquifer levels, coastal and stream erosion and groundwater
contamination. All of these processes are affecting your constituents, and perhaps your families, as I am writing this
letter. They are threats to their health, safety, and welfare. These are the types of projects that professional
geoscientists are successfully working on right now and we are the only group of professionals with the required
training to address these issues.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I respectfully urge you to recommend that the Texas
Board of Professional Geoscientist remain as an operating entity until the next Sunset cycle. If there are
shortcomings, then give the board and the geoscience community a chance to fix them.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree