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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Eric D

Last Name: Carlson

Title: Geologist

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Abilene

State: Texas

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

I recommend continued funding and authorization for the TBPG and the licensing of Texas Geologists.

This license is recognized in Texas, but also in other countries and states.

The license fee is a tax, just like the license fees for doctors, dentists, acupuncturists, petroleum engineers, and other professionals.

That is how the State of TX collects "sales tax" from our efforts.

I don't use my seal very often because I am in oil and gas. However, occasionally it is necessary to do so. That is usually for the benefit of international investors who expect the professionals that prepare documents to be licensed. Also, occasionally I do work in adjacent states. They recognize the expertise in a TX Geology license, including the NMOCD.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Renew the law that authorizes and funds the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree