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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 12:38 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:

I am a licensed geoscientist with the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and my company is registered with the TBPG to engage in the public practice of geoscience. The functions I perform for the Texas Railroad Commission require that a geoscientist be licensed. To abolish the TBPG would deny me, as well as scores of others whose jobs require licensing, the opportunity and right to sustain our livelihood.

Inasmuch as I have respect for the mission of the Sunset Advisory Commission, I believe it is in the best interest of the public and citizens of Texas to retain the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. The primary issue of the Commission is that the state regulation of geoscientists provides no measurable public benefit. To the contrary, one measure of public benefit resides in the fact no example or evidence of harm directly attributable to the performance of licensed geoscientists has been acknowledged by the Commission. The TBPG has protected the public through licensure of those individuals performing certain geoscientific services. The licensing process ensures the public that those individuals who are licensed have met defined levels of education and experience and will conduct themselves according to a code of professional conduct. What would the citizens of Texas say if the Sunset Advisory Commission asked them the following question? "For geoscientist jobs related to the health, safety, and welfare of the public, would you rather have the work performed by a licensed or unlicensed geoscientist?" The answer is obvious.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The citizens of Texas deserve that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists be retained.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree