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Texas Sunset Advisory Commission

1501 North Congress Avenue

Austin, Texas 78701

Senator Brian Birdwell, Chairperson

Dear Senator Birdwell,

It has come to my attention that the Sunset Advisory Commission is considering abolishing the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists and repeal of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act. In my view as a retired physician that this move would not be in the best interest of Texas citizens. Professional Geoscientists have done and do a great deal of work related to mapping clean water sources and handling the construction of buildings so as to account for the effects of surface and subsurface water.

These actions help in many ways to improve the health and safety of Texas residents. Please give your careful consideration to retaining the Texas Board of Geoscientists and the Texas Geoscience Practice Act.

Respectfully yours,

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