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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

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I strongly oppose doing away with the Texas P.G. license. I have been registered in Texas for approximately 15 years and I can tell you that the license requirements definitely increase the quality of services provided to the people and businesses of Texas, some of which involve public health. I have also found that the Texas license is very well respected nationwide, enabling many Texas-based geologists to practice more easily in other states.

This generates a revenue stream that would be greatly diminished if the Texas license is done away with. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The annual fee for the Texas P.G. is high compared to other states. This should be looked at. I also believe that the staff, while very service oriented, needs to focus a lot more on establishing formal reciprocity agreements in other states. Several geology boards in other states have told me that they would eagerly do a formal reciprocity arrangement with Texas if approached. Efforts in this direction would greatly benefit Texas P.G.s. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree