From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

Sent: Thursday, August 2, 2018 3:00 PM

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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: As a professional geoscientist practicing in Texas for the past 38 years, I strongly recommend that the Commission reverse their recommendation to discontinue the Board of Professional Geoscientists and CONTINUE the Board's work. Contrary to the conclusion of your report, I have found that the Board has greatly contributed to public welfare by establishing standards for the practice of geoscience, requiring continued education, and communicating ethical requirements for our field. Also, before the creation of a Texas Board, geoscientists in Texas were required to go to other states

to get licensed which was an undue financila burden. I am convinced that anyone in the practice of geoscience will recognize the great value provided not only to our profession but to all Texans.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue the Board of Professional Geoscientists in effect.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree