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**Sent:** Tuesday, August 14, 2018 9:50 AM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
**Subject:** In favor of abolishing TBPG

To whom it may concern,

As a professional Geologist with 15 years of experience in the Petroleum Industry, I am in favor of abolishing the TBPG. I am not licensed by the TBPG. I have a MS in Geology, and am a member of the American Association of Petroleum Geologists, and the Houston Geological Society.

My main reasons for abolishing the TBPG are:

1. I have never encountered a case where anyone asked to see my, or any of my colleagues professional license. I have never asked to see anyone's license either.
2. As the commission found, *78% of CURRENT Texas PGs were Grandfathered, therefore did not take ASBOG, therefore there is no guaranty that they are, in fact, well-trained.* This reflects my experience with those who had licenses, they were old enough to get grandfathered in, so why not? Most employers will reimburse the yearly fees anyway.

Really, I have always considered the TBPG a scam, where the grandfathered majority of the members joined just in case they ever needed it, as it was easy to do, and their employers foot the dues bill of \$200+ per year for what service I cannot tell you.

I have to commend the TX sunset commission for sniffing out this totally unnecessary government agency.

I understand the Houston Geological Society will be writing a letter of support for the TBPG. I am a member, and do not stand with them. Again, most of their membership is Grandfathered, so take their stance with a grain of salt.

Sincerely,

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