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: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 11:24 AM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Mark

Last Name: Gordon

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Cypress

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: Geologists in Texas spent many years trying to establish Professional Licensing. This system has worked very efficiently and I have not seen any problems with its implementation. Although I work in oil and gas business and do not use the license on a daily basis, it is still important if I transfer to other jurisdictions where it is required. It is also necessary if I do any work as an independent or if I make a career change and start working in hydrology and public safety. It makes no sense to disable a functioning program. The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists is self funded so its elimination does not bring any benefit to the state. In fact, if there is no licensure program, Texas will lose work and professionals to other states that have licensing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I do not see any alternative. The Agency is working as it was originally intended and does not need to be improved.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree