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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:

Please reject the Sunset Commission recommendation: "Issue 1 State Regulation of Geoscientists Provides No Measurable Public Benefit and Should Be Discontinued" and recommending to Abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) and repeal the Texas Geoscience Practice Act.

Why: In the current climate of pseudo-science given equal credibility, Internet misinformation spread by bad actors as well as unsuspecting dupes, and claims of "fake news" for anything one does not agree with, certification provides quality control and credibility to expert advice. Decisions on many Earth Science issues and applications have both immediate and long-term impact. Retaining licensure protects the public health, safety, and welfare against poor advice leading to bad decision-making, with potentially disastrous results.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Do not Abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) or repeal the Texas Geoscience Practice Act.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree