From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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

Sent: Monday, August 20, 2018 5:11 PM

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

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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Maureen

Last Name: Hatfield

Title: Geoscientist

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am opposed to the Sunset recommendation:

I have been a professional geoscientist practicing in the state of Texas since 1988, and I highly recommend continued funding and authorization of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientist (TBPG) and the licensing of Texas Geoscientist. Contrary to the conclusion of your report, I believe that the TBPG has greatly contributed to public welfare by establishing standards for the practice of geoscience, requiring continued education, and communicating ethical requirements for our field. Before I received my TBPG I had to get my license from other states as well as others in my profession had to do the same which creates an undue financial burden.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend continuation of the TBPG and its effects

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree