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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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State: Texas

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

I was once a grandfathered Professional Geoscientist, and I have 43 years of oil and gas exploration experience. In spite of clear legislative intent that the Board of Professional Geoscientists never attempt to regulate oil and gas geoscientists, the administration of the Board did attempt to do so several years ago. With the help of our local legislators, we successfully fought the board in this matter, and maintained the independent status of the oil and gas professional. However, it will only be a matter of time until the Board attempts to regulate oil and gas again.

In general, governmental authorities seek to enlarge their "domain" and budget, which in their mind is how they measure their "success". This is the simple reason why so many governmental agencies outgrow their original intent, budget, and size, and continue to need larger and larger shares of the state budget, in addition to becoming onerous in many instances to the professional they should be serving.

The lack of need for disciplinary measures by the Board clearly shows that the need for the Board is just not justified, other than in the minds of the Board employees. As a professional Geoscientist with 43 years of experience, I am in full agreement with the Sunset Commission's assessment that the Board of Professional Geoscientists be allowed to fade into the sunset permanently.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None, let it die.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree