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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'm am thoroughly opposed to the Sunset decision to abolish the TBPG. As Sunset has written in their executive summary "Sunset staff found that professional geoscientists provide valuable assessments and research related to groundwater, subsurface concerns, and other areas." Rather than abolishing the TBPG, it seems that Sunset and the State should focus on efforts in which meaningful enforcement and oversight of geoscience work can be regulated. There are 31 other states the uphold the ASBOG standards for practicing geology, and none seem remotely interested in deregulating the practice. Moreover, Texas stands to lose money by abolishing the TPBG. As their report indicates "Overall, the recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists would result in an estimated negative impact to the state of about \$265,641 in fiscal year 2020." The TBPG is an organization that is profitable to the state. The removal of the TBPG, and therefore the revenue generated, would cause the monetary loss to be passed on to the taxpayer. The TBPG benefits the State of Texas, and it makes no sense to abolish it.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: As mentioned, the recommendation should be to continue the agency while focusing efforts on boosting regulation and oversight of work in whatever capacity that might take.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree