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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 4:20 PM
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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:
Dear TSAC,

I was saddened to hear from colleagues that the TSAC is considering disbanding the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists because they are not deemed to contribute to the "health, safety and welfare" of the people of Texas. As a geoscientist myself, I can assure you that all the members of the TBPG are absolutely paramount to the safety of the citizens of Texas.

Geoscientists are at the forefront of monitoring, tracking, predicting, and assessing damage from a range of natural disasters including but not limited to tropical storms, hurricanes, floods, coastal erosion, groundwater contamination, earthquakes, subsidence, sinkholes, landslides, and other mass wasting events, ALL of which can and do happen in the state of Texas.

Disbanding an organization composed of professionals whose job includes studying and monitoring these hazards would decrease the safety and security of all Texans. I strongly urge you to not disband the TBPG, and retain licensure for geoscientists. Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely,

Daniel Hummer
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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Simply retain the TBPG rather abolish it.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree