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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: Opposed: I find the recent decision to eliminate the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists disappointing. These geoscientists are people who are regulated and WANT that regulation, want professional oversight, and the fees that are charged for these services more than pay for them. These are valuable and necessary public servants who perform good services. What good reason is there to eliminate a self-sustaining entity that provides services?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I will support changes recommended through the review process to improve the agency's effectiveness, but removing the agency and licensing entirely poses an acute risk to the welfare of Texans. Geoscientists are responsible for activities such as evaluating floodplains, potential health hazards associated with contaminated sites, geologic risks to infrastructure, and planning to ensure our state has adequate water supplies. Unlike the description in the staff report, these are not activities that are routinely reviewed by peers at state agencies such as TCEQ and RRC.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree