From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

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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:

I am a retired Professional Geologist (TX PG 250). While I no longer need to keep up with the very important CEU requirements and have let my PG lapse, that does not apply to the many other geologists that need this PG certification to add authority to their work. My TX PG, when I was working, demonstrated that I had the experience, competence, skill, training and knowledge to perform and complete the projects for which I was responsible.

This TX PG certification demonstrated to my employers and clients that I was competent to properly do the jobs I had. It also indicated that I had the educational background to be a PG. Some of my projects involved safety, the characterization and remediation of contaminated soil, liquids and other materials and the determination of chemical contaminants and their areal extent and the removal and proper disposal of hazardous soils, liquids and other materials.

The TX PG enhanced my value to my employers and translated into higher compensation. My signature and TX PG Seal on a document, proposal or report indicated the quality and accuracy of the signed and sealed document.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas Board of Professional Geologists certifies that TX PGs have the qualifications to protect the safety of Texas residents. In my professional opinion, Sunset Commission, this is important work and certification should be continued.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree