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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 respectfully submit my opposition to the recommendations included in the Sunset Advisory Commission staff
report (the staff report) that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) and licensing program be
abolished. I am a practicing Professional Geoscientist in the State of Texas with 33 of experience.
Counter to the conclusions of the staff report, I believe that professional geoscientists routinely perform work that
can be considered important to protecting public health. Unlike standard engineering, the physical processes, and
required expertise, that geoscientists must possess an understanding of can appear nuanced to some. This does not
make them any less important in key decisions affecting Texans. For example, the availability and reliability of
groundwater resources continues to rise in importance in the State Water Plan. Clearly the reliability of water
resources is an issue of public safety as well as economic growth. There are many other examples.
I do not see the logic in abolishing a regulatory process that makes sure professional geoscientists continue to
educate and review business ethics.

Van Kelley, P.G.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the TBPG.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree