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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 geologist by degree and by 36 years of professional experience in the Oil and Gas Industry. I acquired a TBPG license when it was first issued by the state. I have noticed over the years that the TBPG has rapidly developed into a bureaucratic tax and a spend burden to geoscientists. The Sunset Advisory Commission pointed out there has been no meaningful enforcement action over the life of the Board. There are 6 members on the board that are paid \$321,323 in combined salaries, it appears this has been to serve their self interest over the years. The commission also noted that the licensee population is steadily declining, from 6,600 in 2003 to 4200 in 2017. It should be obvious that geologist are not interested in being licensed and have to pay a yearly fee for a useless organization.

Texas has multiple organizations in place that act to protect the public and the environment from petroleum geoscientists. These organizations already regulate these issues and levy heavy penalties for failure to perform and under performance. There never was a good reason to organize and promote the TBPG and there is no real need for it to continue.

I strongly agree that the TBPG should be abolished.

Bryan P. Key

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Abolish the TBPG

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree