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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 opposed to the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Geoscientists. As a profession typically paid by industry that deals with issues that impact the public such as groundwater protection there are considerable opportunities for ethics violations and practice of unqualified individuals in the absence of licensing.

The Sunset Commission's comment that the need for the regulation is further diminished by the fact that effectively half of the practicing geoscientists in Texas are exempt from regulation is misguided. It is not the geoscientists that are exempt it is the field of practice that is exempt such as petroleum geology. These fields are exempt because they do not deal with areas of practice that would potentially impact public safety. This is much like how many fields of practice of engineering are exempt from licensure.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree