

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Brittany Calame](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Friday, August 17, 2018 9:52:21 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Friday, August 17, 2018 8:53 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Eric

Last Name: Levitt

Title: Staff Geologist

Organization you are affiliated with: Fisher Arnold

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to oppose abolishing the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. This is an organization that is critical to ensuring that the practice of geoscience in the state of Texas is done by individuals and experts who know what they are doing. Every professional group has boards and other entities that are necessary to police its own members and to ensure not only that they live up to the standards of their own specialty, but also that their arts are practiced only by people who actually know what they are doing. If the TBPG is abolished then you will be eliminating this protection, and potentially exposing the public to risks associated with incompetence or fraud by unlicensed persons or entities. Geologists and the clients we serve rely on these institutions to maintain professional standards and to enhance social trust. The licensing of Professional Geoscientists is important in giving our clients confidence in the quality of work that we set out to do.

We need the TBPG to set the standard for professionalism and the requirements needed to practice our specialty. This is needed so that the very name of our profession is not devalued by instances of incompetence or fraud. Please allow the TBPG to remain as an agency where professional certification can be monitored for the benefit of the public and also our business clients.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: We need this agency to continue so that geoscientists can maintain confidence in the work of their peers.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree