From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: STEVEN

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Title: OWNER

Organization you are affiliated with: LOCKWOOD & ASSOCIATES

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City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Geoscientists provide many studies to national, state and local government entities, and there must be assurances that the geoscientist is ethical, competent and fair. Geoscientists are able to perform scientific investigations that are outside of the purview of other trained professionals. Furthermore, many financial institutions require licensure in order to protect their fiduciary responsibilities to clients. A standard of accountability must be in place to ensure that those investigations are performed at the highest standard.

I am firmly opposed to the recommendation by the Sunset Advisory Commission to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists, and respectfully request that this short-sighted action be rescinded.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue to allow the existence of the TBPG.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree