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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 2:20 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Kate

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Organization you are affiliated with: Targa Resources

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State: Texas

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

I support the continued licensure of Professional Geoscientists in the State of Texas.

The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists is integral to the protection of public health and provides great benefit to the welfare and safety of the citizens of Texas. Professional geoscientists are the foundation of many industries in Texas and are responsible for a myriad of projects that directly impact public health and safety--groundwater investigations, mineral and oil/gas resource evaluation and development, solid waste siting and disposal, and construction projects--among many others. Geoscientists have specialized knowledge and experience to apply to solve complex projects and problems. The certification/licensure of these individuals by a geoscientist board, as well as the regulation and continuing education of these individuals is imperative to ensure responsible management of complex projects and problems that have a direct effect on public health, safety, and welfare. The economy of Texas is rooted in the sound practice of geoscience.

Elimination of the TBPG is a step in the wrong direction.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: State regulation of geoscience is absolutely necessary to protect the public. Do not eliminate the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree