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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 11:13 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <[Sunset@sunset.texas.gov](mailto:Sunset@sunset.texas.gov)>  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TPG

First Name: Telemachos

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Title: Geologist

Organization you are affiliated with: Supermajor Oil and Gas Company

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

Disbanding professional licenses for geologists puts Texas Geologists at a disadvantage compared to other states. We will not be able to transfer credentials to another state in order to complete multi-state environmental and development projects requiring an official seal. Normally a license can be transferred between states with written approval, but if Texas disbands their professional certification, we would need to reapply for a license every time we work out of state. Texas potentially has the highest volume of professional geoscientists due to the predominance of the oil and gas industry. While we don't regularly use our credentials to explore for oil, some states require a certified geologist to sign off on drilling permits, land use plans, etc. making the professional licensing relevant even to the oil and gas industry.

Additionally, the licensing exam creates a tangible threshold for geoscientists to aspire to during education and early career CEs. Without a standard exam, any half-competent college graduate could operate as a "professional" without any oversight or regulation, leading to a "wild-west" style professional environment.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain the current professional geoscientist (PG) licensing through ASBOG to meet or exceed the requirements of other states.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree