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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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State: Texas

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

I disagree with the Texas Sunset Commission report on discontinuing the regulation of the Professional Geoscientists in Texas. I am an inspiring Geoscientist in Texas, and have been for the previous 5 years. In the environmental consulting field, there are many needs for the professional certification of a PG. I have personally seen many instances where consultants and clients are there to only meet the regulatory needs and would like to cut corners. The certification and continuing education for professional geologists is monumental for aspiring students in the field. I hope this decision will be over turned and take prospective professional geologists career and life goals into consideration. Not only is a PG a level of accomplishment, but it holds us to a level of respectability and virtue to be consistent within our reports, field work, and ethics.

Additionally, the Texas Board of PG's is revenue positive. There is no reason the Sunset Commission needs to discontinue the certification of professional geologists, other than some sort of political gain.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Provide more funding.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree