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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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

I am retired and am very proud of my PG -- I passed the ASBOG test (not Grandfathered in) and I disagree with
SUNSET COMMISSION STAFF Report that Recommends Discontinuing the Regulation of Professional
Geoscientists.

I worked as a professional geologist for 40 years and the profession is better when our professionals are held to a high standard. There are a lot of decisions that affect the public geologic aspects. Those professionals that are wise enough to seek geologic input should have a level of confidence that the person he is paying has the needed understanding to put forth a dependable recommendation or finding. The PG License is that assurance along with the internal TBPG requirements that the geologist have the proper experience and training to perform. This License was never intended to be part of the petroleum industry as most all oil companies have internal controls for such prospect development, review and drilling. But in the consulting industry it is important.

While working for Chevron and Texaco I was in charge of numerous multimillion dollar engineering and environmental clean-up projects in US and all over the World. Whenever hiring a consulting firm it was paramount that their geologists had strong credentials and a PG License was one of those. There latterly tens of thousands of people getting geology degrees at colleges all over the United States and the world with varying degrees of quality - then they come to Texas and look for geologic work. Some of these individuals are OK and some are not technically up to the challenge. But if they can prove they have an accredited Geology Degree, 5 years real work experience and pass the ASBOG test at least you have a good chance at getting your money's worth. The review process, the continue education and the emphasis on ethics is very important in the promotion of continuing competent business practices in Texas. The Board does not see all the work done by the PG's that they govern but I think all are appreciative of boards work in backing up our credibility. But getting rid of PG License will lower the geologic standards here and that just doesn't sound like Texas!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: requiring a PG look at geologic aspects of government funded projects

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree