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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 hold license no. 6494. I work in the oil and gas exploration industry. I have been paying the annual fees since the creation of the board.

I did so because I did not know at the time if some future employment would require a license. Also, passing a test can require massive study time in order to have a chance of passing. Boards like this can make the test so hard as to make it almost impossible to pass if they deem the numbers of geoscientists to be too numerous. So applying for a license during the grandfather period made some sense. However, most of my oil and gas colleagues at the time believed that we had no need for one as our professional activities had no impact on the safety of the public.

Requiring CEUs and ethics training every year is unnecessary and for many people, cost prohibitive. Professional training is very expensive. The possession of this license has yielded no financial benefit to me during this period. This is just another unnecessary cost. Consequently, I concur with every conclusion stated in the executive summary. This Board should be abolished as soon as possible.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Abolish this Board as soon as possible

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree