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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 a sixth-generation Texas, a small business owner, and a professional geoscientist (License #10). I respectfully submit my strongest opposition to the recommendations included in the Sunset Advisory Commission staff report (the staff report) that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) and licensing program be abolished. I worked in 2001 to become part of a regulated community. The staff report fails completely in that (1) it did not identify anyone or group that opposed continuation of the TBPG, (2) it did not identify anyone interested in becoming a professional geoscientist who had been unable to obtain a license, (3) it did not identify a single end user of the services of professional geoscientists that has complained about the requirements of having geoscientific work performed by licensed professional geoscientists, and (4) it did not identify any specific problems at the TBPG with a corresponding recommendation for how it might be fixed, other than to take the easy way out and "throw the baby out with the bath water". Bottom line – I volunteered to become part of a regulated community, I willingly pay to be a part of that regulated community, which includes the reality that I pay to be audited, have my work scrutinized by someone other than my clients, and pay significant funds to attend continuing education events necessary to maintain my continuing education requirements.

What is even more ironic is that a portion of the funds raised by professional geoscientists' annual fees goes into the State's General Revenue Fund. My fellow professional geoscientists all willingly accept all of the consequences that resulted from the establishment of the TBPG in 2001.

So the question must be asked, if no one, on either side of the equation with respect to professional geoscientists, is asking for the abolishment of the TBPG and licensing program, then what possible justification did staff have to make the recommendation to abolish the TBPG?

Respectfully,
William F. Mullican III, P.G.,

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe the regulated community of professional

geoscientists is certainly willing to work with the Texas Legislature to identify areas that might strengthen the effectiveness of the TBPG and licensing program. We just have not been asked to do so.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree