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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 oppose the abolition of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists ("TBPG"), as recommended by the Texas Sunset Commission. Having an agency to manage and oversee licensing is important for any profession that deals with technical issues affecting infrastructure projects.

Geoscientists play an important role in water development projects, for instance, and such projects clearly affect the health and safety of the general public. The licenses of the professionals working on the projects, including geoscientists, provide the funding entities and the public a measure of confidence that the projects will be designed and constructed with proper technical expertise. Additionally, as the staff report points out, the TBPG does not cost the State money. In fact, it generates net revenue for the State. The revenues are generated from the regulated profession, not taxpayers, and it is my understanding that the regulated profession is in favor of keeping the TBPG. All these factors argue in favor of retaining the TBPG.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree