From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Brittany Calame</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

Sent: Tuesday, August 14, 2018 10:06 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

First Name: Peter

Last Name: Pope

Title: P.G.

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am writing in opposition to the recommendation of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

I have worked in my profession as a hydrogeologist since 1991, initially as a consultant performing geological and hydrogeological studies at various locations across Texas. In 2001 I began working with a state agency responsible for protecting the water resources of the state. I received my professional geoscientist license in July 2003. As a regulator, I value knowing that the professional geoscientists who submit environmental investigation reports and clean up plans to protect public health and safety are required to have established professional credentials and abide by ethical standards established by the agency. I urge the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission to uphold the responsibility of the state of Texas to protect it's citizens by retaining the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Retain the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree