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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:

Professional geoscientists, like professional engineers, provide essential technical expertise to the benefit of public health, safety and welfare.

This is particularly true in the area of public water supply. For example, groundwater regulations, enforced by the State of Texas and the state's various groundwater management districts, were developed in large part by contributions made by geoscientists to manage the state's finite supplies of groundwater. The primary goal of these regulations is to ensure groundwater resource longevity and resiliency to the benefit of all stakeholders. With population growth of several of the large Texas metropolitan areas projected to exceed 100% between now and 2050, geoscientists will undoubtedly be needed to assist in the development of strategies and technical programs that will be required to ensure long term sustainability of the state's water supplies.

Because Texas is facing unprecedented population growth and water resource challenges in the coming decades, I am vehemently opposed to board's recommendation to sunset the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I personally have taken the examinations offered by the National Association of State Boards of Geology (ASBOG) and make the following recommendations: 1) at a minimum, all geoscientists working in the State of Texas that are engaged in providing services related to public water supply and/or engineering geology should be required to take the exams offered by ASBOG and become professionally licensed; 2) all currently licensed geoscientists that were grandfathered in to professional geoscientist licensure in the State of Texas should be required to take the ASBOG exams to demonstrate technical proficiency in his/her geoscience discipline (i.e. geology or geophysics); 2) all future applications for professional geoscientist licensure in the State of Texas, whether new or by reciprocity, should require each applicant demonstrate his/her

technical proficiency by providing proof that he/she has passed the ASBOG exams; 3) geoscientists working in the petroleum industry may be exempt from licensing requirements, however they may not engage in the performance of work related to public water supply or engineering geology related disciplines.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree