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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Tuesday, August 21, 2018 12:20 PM  
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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:

Opposed - As a proud Texan and on behalf of the Upper Trinity GCD, an entity charged with protecting, preserving and conserving groundwater in Hood, Parker, Wise and Montague Counties, I respectfully submit our strong opposition to the recommendations included in the Sunset Advisory Commission staff report that the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) and licensing program be abolished.

Our District relies heavily on the TBPG's licencing program to identify competent , appropriately trained individuals in order to help us fulfill the extremely important tasks in which we have been charged. It is our fear, that without the TBPG, the ability to ensure the professional standards in the field of Geoscience will inevitably deteriorate, and likely lead to the proliferation of underqualified individuals carrying out work that could in turn be extremely detrimental to the public's health and safety.

It is my understanding that the vast majority of Professional Geoscientists, the group regulated by the TBPG, desire the continued regulation and accountability that comes with the current licensing program. Furthermore, the report failed to identify any opposition to the continued existence of the agency or any specific problem with the TBPG.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Should the Sunset Commission allow the continued existence of this agency, myself, and I would imagine most Groundwater Districts, would be happy to work with the Legislature to address any perceived issues or to strengthen the agency and its licensing program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree