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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:

The TBPG should not be discontinued for several reasons. Geoscientists contribute much to the development, welfare, and safety of our State and contribute much to knowledge of earth science in Texas. Prior to professional registration of geoscientists in Texas, almost anyone could claim to be a geologist and conduct work or analyses they were not qualified to do. For example, prior to creation of the TBPG, many engineers were conducting work for which they were not qualified. In some cases, engineers produced recommendation or plans which violated geologic principals and were problematic due to design and safety concerns. Additionally such work often had to be redone thus creating unnecessary costs.

As a Certified Professional Hydrologist with 47 years of experience in Texas water-resource science, I personally know of many cases where engineers have created earth science problems that geoscientists would not have created. Therefore, I urge the Sunset Commission not to dissolve the TBPG.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Members of the board who attend hearings concerning complaints against registered geoscientists should be up-to-date in their education and experience. Such has not always been the case in the past.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree