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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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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 am strongly opposed to the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation of abolishing the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists.

As stated by the TBPG, the mission of the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists is to protect public health, safety, welfare, and the state's natural resources by ensuring only qualified persons carry out the public practice of geoscience and enforcing the Code of Professional Conduct the Board has established for its licensees. The Sunset staff found that professional geoscientists provide valuable assessments and research related to groundwater, subsurface concerns, and other areas. With the passage of the Texas Geoscience Practice Act, unless exempted by the Act, a person may not engage in the non-exempt public practice of geoscience unless the person holds a license issued by the TBPG. Licensing does provide a uniform minimum standard of excellence. A license assures the public and industry that the licensed individual has the required education, experience, is competent in their field, and honest. A license seal on a report submitted to a regulatory agency lends credence that the submitted report is done by a Geoscientist with the necessary education, experience, and demonstrated honesty to correctly perform the work. And yes, there have been few reported infractions. This could be due to the fact that the TBPG can withdraw a Geoscientist's license for bad work or dishonesty. A license provides the incentive to perform good work and be honest. In conclusion, I implore the Sunset Commission to reverse the recommendation and keep the TBPG.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Executive Director should be a licensed P.G. and the focus of the Board should be on proactively taking action to ensure public safety and welfare.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree