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Texas Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Mr. Chairman and Members of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission,

I am licensed professional engineer in the State of Texas and I am stating my opposition to the Sunset Commission's recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG).

Licensing of professional disciplines ensures protection of the health, safety, and welfare of the public in a particular field. Geoscientists work in the highly specialized scientific field of geoscience, geology, geophysics, and soil science which provides a basis for many professional engineers to conduct their work. I respectfully request the Sunset Commission continue the TBPG to ensure a minimum standard of practice and professional conduct that my profession relies on.

As the State of Texas continues to grow, competent professionals are extremely important when evaluating our natural resources. Although the TBPG is a relatively young Board, licensure of a professional geoscientist provides a minimum level of competency of this specialized skill to ensure protection of the public, the natural resources of Texas, and for the work of licensed professional engineers for now and into the future.

Respectfully submitted,

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