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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Thursday, August 16, 2018 9:29 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PROFESSIONAL GEOSCIENTISTS TBPG

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Organization you are affiliated with: Houston Geological Society

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to express my opposition to the recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. Although my job has never required its use, I have been a TBPG licensed geologist since the inception of the program. In venues outside of the oil and gas industry, particularly in the case of civil or environmental situations, geoscientists should be involved in policy, judgements, and evaluations, and it is insufficient for related information to be certified solely by licensed engineers who do not possess the education or knowledge to fully understand the geological implications that such situations often include.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend and request that the TBPG remain intact and that the licensing of professional geoscientists be continued in the State of Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree