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I'm formally requesting the Commission **NOT** sunset the Texas Board of Geoscientist. I'm PG #1402 with a hydrogeology background and believe it is critical for continued licensing of Geoscientists in Texas. Professional Geoscientists have a significant impact on the public health, safety and/or welfare of the citizens of Texas. Licensing of professional geoscientists is important to ensure adequate protection of groundwater quality and availability, as well as private property rights in groundwater. These charges are of the utmost importance in a state where at least 60 percent of all water used comes from underground aquifers. It is paramount that Professional Geoscientists be registered in a similar manner as Professional Engineers in the State of Texas. Many reports that have to be submitted to the Texas Commission on Environmental Quality have to be stamped and signed by either a PG or PE. This requirement should remain to ensure that these reports are done by responsible professionals.

Thanks for your considerations,

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