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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov < sunset@sunset.texas.gov > On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission

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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: My fees are paid through May 2019. Would I (and everyone else affected) receive a prorated refund? Will we be given enough notice, and will the current framework be kept long enough, to transfer our licenses to States that have reciprocity? Speaking solely for myself and not my agency: opposed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Speaking solely for myself and not my agency: Would you do away with the licensing of Professional Engineers? The logic of pointing to the fact that no major disasters have occurred is flawed. It is hard to assess what has been averted. Geologic hazards are just as important as bridge failures (and may even be the cause--hydrology, flooding).

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree