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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Saturday, August 11, 2018 9:02 PM  
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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: Prior to the creation of the Texas Board of Professional Development and the licensing of geologists to work in Texas, I observed a lot of geological work of poor to questionable quality in Texas. One of the most common problems was that engineers frequently conducted geologic assessments. While many of the engineers were good, intelligent, and well-intentioned professionals, they simply did not have the geological training to assure accurate and effective results. My expertise is in karst aquifers and I found many assessments of the Edwards Aquifer of poor quality that could adversely impact the quality of this important public water supply. Since the requirement of licensing geologists in Texas, I have found far fewer and lesser errors in geological studies. Therefore, I disagree strongly with the recommendation to sunset the board and licensing. There has been substantial benefit from the creation of the board and the licensing and I recommend they be continued.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: While the creation of the board has provided substantial benefits to the State of Texas and support its continuation, I believe that the board and its goals could be improved by considering specialty licensing to further improve efficacy of geologic work in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree