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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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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the Sunset's recommendation to abolish the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists (TBPG) and repeal the Texas Geoscientists Practice Act. Licensure of applied geologists ensures minimum criteria of knowledge and work history necessary to promote consistent best practices and ethical conduct in TX. The Sunset's report suggests that existing state agencies provide "more regular and direct oversight of geoscience work than the board". I disagree in part with this suggestion as technical review of geoscience-related materials prepared and submitted by PG (and PE) licensed individuals and firms submitted to these state agencies are often still subjected to technical review by project managers that have neither the equivalent educational background (or licensure) in either geology and/or engineering. Only with the creation the TXPG has a formal Geoscientist career track been established within these state agencies. As this is the first Sunset review of the TBPG (a relatively new agency unlike the TXPE) the numeric data presented in this report are also only reflective of that fact.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Retain the TXPG and TX Geoscientists Practice Act.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree