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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
Sent: Wednesday, August 15, 2018 3:05 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: I think Texas geologists have done fine work for years regardless of the TBPG. Not only do Texas state schools prepare geologists for fulfilling careers, but major corporations, especially those in oil and gas offer robust training courses covering every geology-related discipline under the sun. If a geologist's skills are left wanting then the free market and private corporations making rational choices based out of their own self interest will surely address the issue. An added level of certification, consisting of a 5-year, \$500 process, is also an unnecessary impediment to young geo's trying to break into the industry.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I think the state should probably save the money required to operate this agency and fix some roads or something.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree