

**Calling Your Texas State Senator/Representative
Talking Points
Sunset Commission Staff Report on**

Call your Texas State Senator's or Representative's Capitol Office. Look up their Capitol Office phone number by visiting the following link: <http://www.house.state.tx.us/members/>. The Capitol phone number will be located on the left side of the page.

When receptionist for the Senator's or Representative's office answers:

- Good Morning/Afternoon! My name is _____, and I am the owner of **____(Company's Name)____**, and a constituent of Senator/Representative _____.
- May I speak with your policy person who handles the Sunset Commission policy issues?

If that policy person is NOT available:

- May I leave you my name and number to have **him/her** contact me?
- Again, my name is _____, and my number is _____.
- My call is in regards to the Sunset staff report on the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists. The staff report for that entity is set for a public hearing Thursday, August 30th.
- Thank you for your time and I look forward to visiting with **him/her**.

If that policy person is available and once he/she is on the phone:

- Good Morning/Afternoon! My name is _____, and I am the owner of **____(company name)____**, and a constituent of Senator/Representative _____.
- My call today is in regards to the Sunset Staff report on the Texas Board of Professional Geoscientist, that causes me great concern as a Geologists and a small business owner.

The Texas Board of Professional Geoscientists provides an essential function for the public health, safety, and welfare of Texans. The sunset staff report doesn't reflect the many important functions the PG license and Board provides the public.

The PG license is critical for groundwater issues, engineering, landfill design, environmental, ... as well as many other structural functions.

(Give a short personal story about your background on the issue; emphasize the importance to public health and safety)

- If you should need any further information, please feel free to reach out to myself **(GIVE YOUR CONTACT INFORMATION TO THE POLICY PERSON)**,
- May I grab your name again, your number and email (if not obtained already), just for my records as well?

Once you have his/her contact information:

- I really appreciate your time, and I hope we can count on the Senator's/Representative's support to continue the PG license to protect the health and safety of Texans.
- Thank You!

Please make any necessary notes and comments, and please report back to Rusty (rusty@txgeoscience.org) how your call went, and if you received any feedback or support from their office.