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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 LAND SURVEYING

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Organization you are affiliated with: B&B Surveying Company

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As a Registered Professional Land Surveyor practicing in the State of Texas, I believe strongly that a board consisting of Land Surveyors and public members is the best means of regulating the profession of land surveying to protect the health, safety, welfare and property of the citizens of Texas.

The areas of concern listed in the Sunset Staff Report can and should be addressed within TBPLS. A combined board made up of a majority of board members from a different profession as proposed by the Sunset Staff Report is not adequate to properly regulate the practice of Land Surveying in Texas and other States that have done so have suffered the consequences of doing so.

Land Surveying is a distinct profession and Texas has a unique and complicated framework of land title and tenure. The very fabric of our society and economic system rests upon the shoulders of the Land Surveyor.

Please understand my strong opposition to the proposed combination of the land surveying and engineering boards. Both of these professions require diligent and expert regulation that a combined board can't provide. Engineering and Land Surveying have nothing to do with each other and this is why we have different boards regulating these professions now.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying should be given the opportunity to address the concerns listed in the Sunset Staff Report and remain an independent licensing agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree