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Agency: TEXAS%20BOARD%20PROFESSIONAL%20LAND%20SURVEYING

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I interviewed with then State Representative Lloyd Doggett during the 1974 Sunset Review process. His comment to me at that time was why is it necessary to be licensed? You have a good reputation isn't that enough. My answer was: what about the young people that are working in this profession and their future and what about the protection of the innocent public? He knew it was an empty question and was just testing me. However, we have come to the same cross road again. I have many friends in the Civil Engineering profession and I have been licensed by the State of Texas for forty-eight years providing an unbiased opinion on boundary surveys. It has come to my attention through the years of our (mine and the engineers) that we take it personally offensive to have to oversee, review and police one another. Our profession as long as it has existed has paid for its own existence and the cost of licensing. So, with all I have just said, it is difficult to imagine the purpose of this combining of licensure. The harmony that we have enjoyed through the years as fellow professionals does not need to be endangered over this minor matter.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

It is very important that both of these honorable professions be kept separated as one more pertains to the law and the other to science.

Please, with all due respect to the Honorable Sunset Commission consider leaving the professions and their licensing procedures as they are.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree