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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 made up of Professional 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 concerns listed in the Sunset Staff Report can and should be addressed within TBPLS. I feel that a combined board made up of a majority of board members from a different profession as proposed by the Sunset Staff Report would not be sufficient to regulate the practice of land surveying or best serve the Registered Professional Land Surveyors working under the proposed board. Land surveying in Texas uses a unique and sometimes complicated set of rules, which incorporates both statute and case law to resolve boundaries.

Professionals regulating Registered Professional Land Surveyors should be experts in these fields so that they may best protect the public. Many non-surveyors do not realize the amount of research, field work and boundary analyzation that is typically required of even the most basic surveys and tend to over simplify the surveying process. Combining the TBPLS with professionals from another field could lead to rule changes caused by a lack of understanding of the complex rules that are required to be followed by Registered Professional Land Surveyors.

Please hear 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.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying 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