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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.

Furthermore, I support the work of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors and their never ending goal to assist and support TBPLS.

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.

Land Surveying is a distinct profession and Texas has a unique and complicated framework of land title and tenure. Protecting real estate holdings, the bedrock of our state's economy and many of our citizen's most important investment, requires a regulatory board made up of subject matter experts and public members. Surveyors have worked long and hard to maintain a Professional basis for the practice of Surveying in Texas and making it a sub-set to the Professional Engineers would undermine decades of concentrated effort and cause greater problems within the profession.

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 strongly 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. TBPLS can, with the support of the registered professionals, provide a means to address the issues without diluting the impact resulting from combining the two boards into one. I have not heard support from the Board of Professional Engineers..

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree