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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 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.

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.

Furthermore, the proposed cost savings is hardly worth the risk to the public in making this change.

I also disagree with the recommendation of removing residency requirements for licensed state land surveyors. This license is different than that of a registered professional land surveyor in that they survey state lands. This service should be performed by a person that specializes in Texas surveying, not someone from another state that is supplementing work in their own state with work here in Texas.

As for licensing exams, I believe that some portion of the exams could be made up of questions from a nationally accepted exam, but the majority of it should be designed specific for our state by surveyors in our state. Yes the exam is difficult, and difficult to prepare for, but it should be. The exams are serving as a guard against people that are not sufficiently competent and knowledgeable entering the profession, thereby protecting the public. Each exam

is different, just as each survey that is performed in a surveyor's career is different. This process I believe is vital to the integrity of the profession. The public needs to be able to trust in the licensed surveyor.

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. However, I also believe that the board should be held accountable and that there should be some measure to ensure compliance specifically in the area of complaint intake and investigation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree