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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 have been surveying in Texas for over thirty years. It was a hard fought battle to separate our organizations from the engineers and one that was long overdue. We were never considered professionals by the engineering community and when we distinguished ourselves as such it was a great accomplishment for our profession and the public. 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. Professional Surveyors have a dual duty, unlike any other profession.

We have a duty to our clients as any other profession, but we also have a duty to protect the public. We cannot let our duty to our clients influence a decision that would impinge on the rights of the public.

The areas of concern listed in the Sunset Staff Report can and should be addressed within the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying, 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 here 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 cannot 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