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Mr. Ronald Steinhart and Esteemed Sunset Advisory Commission members,

I am a Registered Professional Land Surveyor (#5701) in Texas and a member of the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors since 1984. I also currently serve on the Board of Directors with the Texas Society of Professional Surveyors. I have worked in the surveying profession since 1984 in the Dallas area, and I am proud of the contributions I have made to Texas with the work I do. I was also involved in the recovery efforts of the Space Shuttle Columbia in 2003, volunteering my skills for mapping debris to assist in the recovery operation in the San Augustine area.

I am writing you today to express my gratitude to you and the other Commission members for your hard work related to the Sunset Review of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying (TBPLS). I have read the Staff Report and understand many of the findings. I will unfortunately not be able to attend the public hearing scheduled for next Thursday in Austin due to commitments with work. As pointed out, there are some deficiencies/concerns that need to be addressed to improve the operation of the TBPLS, and that will serve all Texans including Surveyors. 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.

I would like you to know that I was pleased that the Commission acknowledges that Surveying should continue to be regulated by the State. I fully support this recommendation.

I would also like to express my opinion that the TBPLS should remain an independent licensing agency for the next 12 years, and not be consolidated with the Engineering Board. I have worked at engineering firms since 1984, and have the utmost respect for Engineers. Part of that respect comes from the respect that they show towards me and Surveying, and that they acknowledge that my discipline is unique and different than theirs. I believe that it is in the best interest of the citizens of Texas that the TBPLS remain independent. 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.

Thank you again for all of your dedicated service to all Texas citizens.

Respectfully,

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