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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:

As a Registered Professional Land Surveyor both here in Texas and in Virginia, and staunch supporter of a small and limited government, I appreciate a state like Texas that uses a Sunset Staff to review state boards and agencies. It is important that the people's interests are looked after and an agency or board that isn't performing or that is antiquated, needs oversight or abolishment. In the case of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying, I would argue that performance, not importance is the issue. This would call for oversight, not abolishment.

Texas has a unique history regarding land grants and land transactions. The terminology, units, and even methods used here are unique when compared to almost any other state in the Union. If the profession is to be regulated, then it should be regulated by a board that is knowledgeable and respectful of the unique place Texas has in the history of the surveying profession, as well as how Texas dealt with and distributed public lands. Professional Engineers for the most part, have knowledge of the mechanics of surveying, but very few have a real grasp of how a boundary survey is researched, conducted, and constructed here in Texas. Furthermore, if I were to ever need to appear before the board, I would much rather explain my actions to someone who has done my job before, than someone who has only peripheral knowledge.

If the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying isn't performing as it should, it should be given an opportunity to correct the issues in the Sunset Staff Report. Performance benchmarks should be established so that the board knows that it is on the correct path. Hopefully, by the time of the next review there will be no question with regard to the board's performance.

There is, at least in my mind, no question as to the boards' relevance.

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 that the State

establish firm benchmarks that the Board must meet in order to remain an independent licensing agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree