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To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
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Agency: TEXAS%20BOARD%20PROFESSIONAL%20LAND%20SURVEYING

First Name: Marvin

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Title: Registered Professional Land Surveyor in Texas, Louisiana, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Alabama, Florida, Mississippi and Virginia.

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Round Rock

State: Texas

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. Engineers are not educated in the laws and procedures unique to the Land Surveying profession just as Land Surveyors are not trained in the unique aspects of engineering.

The Land Surveyor is required to test in each state due to the diverse land systems and laws unique to each state and the Land Surveying Profession.

Land surveying is dependent on the history of the disbursement of the land.

The modern surveyor has to be aware of the procedures, methods and units of measure used by the early surveyors and are required to follow the footsteps of the original surveyor so as not to disrupt boundaries which are set over time to protect the public and private interest. Specialized training and study is required to understand the complex

issues of boundary construction and resolution. For this reason I believe that a combined Board would be less effective in regulating the profession.

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