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Jennifer Jones
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RE: Sunset Review of the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying

Dear Ms. Jones:

Please accept these comments for your consideration while evaluating the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying and preparing your recommendations for the 86th Texas Legislature.

Founded in 1908, the Texas Land Title Association (TLTA) is a statewide trade association representing the Texas title insurance industry and currently serving nearly 15,000 professionals involved in the safe and efficient transfer of real estate. In the course of their daily work, our members serve over a million consumers each year. With active members in every Texas county, TLTA membership comprises over 90 percent of the title insurance agents and underwriters licensed to do business in Texas.

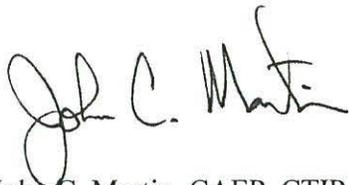
The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying has been an independent and autonomous Board since 1955. And as early as 1919, the State of Texas was investing in licensing professionals to conduct official General Land Office surveys. Investing in the licensing of survey professionals continues to make sense in Texas today.

As committed partners in Texas' real estate industry, our members work closely with the state's professional surveyors (and other real estate professionals) in the execution of commercial and residential real estate transaction. Surveying requires skill and expertise, and accurate surveys are critical to ensuring that property rights are protected during real estate transactions.

The Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying is responsible for establishing and enforcing standards ensuring the competency of individuals licensed as land surveyors, and there is no other agency, state or federal, whose functions overlap or duplicate those of this Board. TLTA strongly believes that maintaining the independence of this agency is key to delivering quality enforcement and maintaining focus on the integrity of this vital profession.

As such, we respectfully recommend that the State of Texas maintain the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying as a separate and independent agency.

Sincerely,



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