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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:

Being from a state that has a Board comprised of 9 Engineers and 2 Land Surveyors I find that the Texas system better represents the Land Surveyor and the Property Owner. By having the commissioner, three members of the general public, two licensed state land surveyors, and four registered professional land surveyors both the Land Surveyor and the Land Owner are being represented by people who have the same concerns as them. Three General Public (Land Owners) who have concerns; Two LSLS and Four RPLS who are the people who have the knowledge of the unique heritage of Texas Lands.

Texas Prior to 1835 (Spanish and Mexican era), The Public Domain after 1835 (Republic of Texas), The General Land Office and the State of Texas as such.

I don't believe the State Board should be comprised by a group comprised of engineers and surveyors, especially a majority of engineers.

As an individual in the State of Texas that is reliant on professional Land Surveying, 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.

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.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If the Sunset Staff Report still goes forward with the combining of the boards I believe the new Board should have an equal amount of Engineers and Surveyors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree