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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 practicing in the State of Texas, I consider the responsibility that I was given, through passage of the Texas RPLS exam, to be one of professional importance and I am extremely grateful to have earned that responsibility. The rich surveying history of the State of Texas was unknown to me prior to studying for the RPLS exam. Understanding both the Spanish and Mexican land grants, the rules/laws that apply to both of those situations, as well as understanding the Republic of Texas boundary laws, was a time consuming and arduous task, but one I thoroughly enjoyed.

Also, I have worked with some highly intelligent people within this industry that were happy to convey their experiences to my benefit. I state these facts because only through studying of the history and gaining real world experience have I been able to confidently apply my knowledge to, as our oath states, "place the interest of the public above all others..."

I have worked closely with Registered Engineers and have come to understand their thought processes when completing a project. However, their mindset is different pertaining to what is needed when addressing boundary, as well as other surveying items that are included within projects. I believe both industries can work hand in hand when completing projects, however in my opinion, regulation of the Surveying industry should remain in the hands of Texas Registered Professional Land Surveyor.

I would like to go on record and state that the issues brought forth by the Texas Sunset Commission are best to be resolved within the system in place, keeping the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying intact. I am strongly opposed to the proposed combination of the land surveying and engineering boards. Both the Registered Land Surveying profession and the Registered Engineering profession require diligent and expert regulation that a combined board cannot provide.

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