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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:

I strong oppose the Sunset Commission's Staff Report of recommending the combining of the Registered Professional Land Surveyors and Texas Licensed State Land Surveyors with the Board of Professional Engineers. My concern is that the Land Surveyors would not be equally represented on the combined board and the whole concept of protecting the Public interest in matters of the real estate and correct boundary location would not be adequately addressed.

The State of Texas has a unique system of land and mineral boundaries that requires a extensive amount of on the ground experience as well as formal education regarding researching adjoining surveys and properties to correctly located those boundaries. These issues cannot be taken lightly because of the ramifications they would have to the Public and governmental agencies would far reaching. The requirements for Licensed State Land Surveyors are necessary as they are held to a higher standards of protect State owned lands and the determination of their boundaries through a thorough understanding and extensive research of the archived information and records of the Texas General Land Office.

Professional engineering is an exact science where as land surveying is a combination of science, evidence and a extensive knowledge of history of the Texas boundary laws, recognized court cases and the recognized dignity of calls and a thorough understanding of their uses and how to apply them in relation to the correct location of real property and mineral boundaries and how they differ. The two professions are entirely different and should not be perceived as having anything in common other than mathematics and measurements. To not recognize this fact would be an injustice to the Public, the General Land Office of Texas and how it would effect ownership of land both private and State of Texas owned land and mineral interests.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the Texas State Board of Professional Land Surveyors be given the opportunity to address and correct the concerns that have be identified by the Sunset Staff report and to remain a separate licensing agency before any action be taken by the Sunset Commission.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree