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To: Janet Wood

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Agency: TEXAS%20BOARD%20PROFESSIONAL%20LAND%20SURVEYING

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City: Floresville

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Being a Registered Professional Land Surveyor practicing in the State of Texas, it is my professional opinion that the current composition of Professional Surveyors and public members is without question the ideal body to regulate the profession of land surveying and 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 will not sufficiently regulate the practice of Land Surveying in Texas. Professional Engineers are just that, engineers and do not have that necessary background to regulate Land Surveying. 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 consider 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.

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