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Sent: Wednesday, November 28, 2018 1:59 PM  
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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 in the State of Texas, I know 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. There are many things that TBPLS needs improvement on and there is no denying that. However, the solutions recommended by the Sunset Staff will not protect the people in the State of Texas and protect the long history of the surveying profession and its impact on the economy. A combined board made up of a majority of board members from the engineering profession 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. While engineers may understand some of the history of surveying, their knowledge and background are not likely to be aware or capable of understanding how to best protect the people of Texas through proper regulation and protection of the surveying profession. Decisions may be made with disregard to the surveying historic applications, due to the larger number of engineers and public members on the recommended combined board with only one surveyor to stand alone to fight for the protection of the public and profession.

Please hear my strong opposition to the proposed combination of the land surveying and engineering boards. Both professions require diligent and expert regulation. A combined board cannot provide adequate regulation for both, especially without equal representation. One surveyor on a combined board is not enough. While the concerns are valid, the recommended solution is not.

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. I recommend allowing TBPLS to improve upon the many issues addressed and perhaps model itself to those processes and procedures that have been so successful for the compared Engineering Board.

It is crucial to the protection of the people, land, investments, and more that the TBPLS remain a separate entity of experts with knowledge of the intricate history of surveying and land boundary determinations who understand the importance and value that is created from good and correct surveying practices and procedures.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree