

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:29:12 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission
Sent: Tuesday, December 11, 2018 12:28 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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

First Name: Luke

Last Name: Smith

Title: Registered Professional Land Surveyor

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: BRYAN

State: Texas

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

As a Registered Professional Land Surveyor in the State of Texas, my foremost concern is that we as surveyors protect the public regarding any issues involving the work that we perform as professionals. In that respect, I believe it is necessary for our profession to be regulated by a board comprised of Professional Surveyors and public members to serve the purpose of protecting the public from improper work performed by any surveyor.

I do not believe that consolidating with the engineers is the answer to the issues listed in the Sunset Staff Report. Surveying in Texas is a unique profession that requires a professional to be well versed in the history of Texas, legal principles involving land title and boundary disputes, as well as have an understanding of the analytics involved in making a decision on any particular survey. I don't believe that engineers as a whole are trained in all of those aspects, therefore making it inappropriate for them to be expected to know whether or not a violation has been made in a complaint.

Please reconsider consolidating The Board of Professional Land Surveyors with The Board of Professional Engineers. Although, some other States are consolidated, the size of Texas, and its distinct history makes land surveying in this great State a profession unlike any other.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying remain an independent board, and be given time to address the problems that were listed in the Sunset Staff Report.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree