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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 Texas, I feel that the TBPLS should be regulated by Registered Professional Land Surveyors because they are uniquely qualified to protect the public in all surveying matters. In Issue 1, engineers are not familiar with land surveying law and would have a hard time determining whether violations were made in surveying complaints.

While most states use the Public Land Surveying System, Texas uses a variety of methods for determining boundaries. While West Texas uses the Public Land Surveying System, East Texas uses a metes and bounds system. When surveying along the coast one must understand the littoral survey system and while surveying along rivers and streams, one must be familiar with the gradient boundary system. Surveying within incorporated areas one must understand simultaneous conveyances. While complicated, surveyors understand these methods and know when to use each of them, thus making them qualified to sit on a board for land surveying issues.

Issue 2 - The residence requirement for LSLS surveyors are in place for a reason. If you look back at the Red River boundary issue a couple of years ago, you will see that surveyors from another state staked the gradient boundary using improper methods and contrary to Texas Law which amounted to staking the boundaries off in some cases by a mile or more. Understanding Texas Law, the resources of the General Land Office and Col. Stiles methods is vital for understanding State Lands and protecting our Public School Systems resources.

Other issues in Issue 2 should be able to be resolved by our current board without the need to combine boards. Engineers are subject matter experts in engineering matters and surveyors are experts in surveying matters. I strongly believe the two should remain separate boards and regulated independently.

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