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From: sunset@sunset.texas.gov <sunset@sunset.texas.gov> On Behalf Of Texas Sunset Commission  
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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As a Certified Photogrammetrist, who relies on the work of Professional Land Surveyors to do my work, and as a resident of the State of Texas that is reliant on professional Land Surveying, I believe strongly 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. A combined board made up of a majority of board members from a different profession as proposed by the Sunset Staff Report 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.

Please hear my strong opposition to the proposed combination of the land surveying and engineering boards. A combined board cannot effectively regulate both surveying and engineering practices in a state the size of Texas. While it may work in other state's with smaller population bases, combining the boards in Texas would only further exacerbate the regulatory burden.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Combining the TBPLS with TSPS is the only effective alternative to the current situation. TSPS could provide valuable over-sight of the new board, with qualified professional land surveyors policing their own.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree