From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Sent: Monday, November 26, 2018 11:54 AM

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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: I am a Registered Professional Land Surveyor practicing in the State of Texas. I strongly feel that our profession is best served by a single Board made up of other Professional Surveyors (and a few lay members of the public) who are empowered to regulate the profession in order to protect the health, safety, welfare, and property of the citizens of the great state of Texas. I am aware of certain areas of concern presented in the Sunset Staff Report, and it is my opinion that these can be addressed within the current Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying. I am afraid that a combined board made up of a majority of members from other professions, as proposed by the Sunset Staff Report, would be inadequate in serving the public or the profession. Land Surveying is a distinct profession, and Texas has a unique and complicated framework for land title and tenure. Protecting real estate holdings, one of the foundations of our state's economy and the primary investment of many of our state's citizens, requires a regulatory board composed primarily of experts in the regulated subject matter with a few public members. And so, I voice a strong opposition to the proposal to combine Surveying with Engineering into a single board. Each of these professions require experts in their fields to properly regulate each profession and adequately protect the citizens of our state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: It is my recommendation that the current Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying be given the opportunity to address the concerns listed in the Sunset Staff Report while remaining an independent licensing agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree