From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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Sent: Monday, December 10, 2018 4:04 PM

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

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Organization you are affiliated with: National Society of Professional Surveyors

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City: New Braunfels

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: Holding the position of Texas Director to the Board of Directors of the National Society of Professional Land Surveyors for the past eight years has created an professional exchange with 47 other State Directors. Working with the fellow professionals across the United States has exposed the various regulatory situations with regard to each States' method of licensing of our profession. No other State has an Agency as efficient as the Texas Board of Professional Land Surveying. Most States use a combined Board or regulatory agency to manage multiple professional licenses. The Texas Board, acting as an independent agency, provides the best protection to the health, safety, welfare, and property rights of the citizens of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Allow the TBPLS Board to implement policies that address the concerns of the Sunset Staff Report.

Our Board, using the input of the professional and public members, can address and resolve issues concerning the complaint process. With respect to Texas specific license issues like residence requirements, examinations, etc., please remember that as Texans we are proud to be a unique State where the disposition of public land occurred under several Governments and the Republic of Texas. This history requires special and through knowledge not common across the United States. Please do not dilute the property rights of the citizens of Texas based on the reports claim that TBPLS cannot "effectively regulate land surveyors". Surely a simple look at the history of the agency and reading the first line of the Executive Report that acknowledges the "lengthy and storied history" of land surveying in Texas, would disprove that claim.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree