

August 17, 2026

The Honorable Lois Kolkhorst, Chair
The Honorable Lacey Hull, Vice Chair
Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission
1100 Congress Ave
Austin, TX 78701

Dear Chair Kolkhorst, Vice Chair Hull, and Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission,

Thank you for your leadership on career readiness issues and the opportunity to provide comments on the Texas Workforce Commission and the Texas Workforce Investment Council.

With a workforce of more than 30,000 in Texas, JPMorganChase is proudly one of the largest employers and contributors to the economy in the state, and always in need of top local talent to fill open positions. For more than a decade, JPMorganChase has invested in career-connected education, skills training, and high-quality work-based learning experiences to ensure more Texans have the skills and experiences to meet evolving demands of the workforce. The firm has also supported legislation- HB 8 and SB 1786- to ensure students are on career pathways associated with positive workforce outcomes.

Through the firm's efforts to expand economic opportunity through career readiness, we've learned the importance of timely, usable workforce data to align training and education with in-demand jobs. Texas invests an estimated \$108 billion a year in education and workforce programs, and stronger integration across data systems would create clearer insights into how those investments may translate into jobs and earnings.

We applaud the Sunset Commission staff report's data-governance recommendations and urge the Commission to ensure the modernized data is timely, usable, and shared beyond the Texas Workforce Commission, reaching the agencies, colleges, employers, and public who rely on it. We also urge the Commission to leverage the enhanced wage data the Legislature has already directed the Texas Workforce Commission to collect (occupation, work location, and hours), so Texas can connect training to in-demand jobs and real earnings. To ensure shared, comparable insights reach the decision-makers who need it, we encourage the Commission to name an accountable entity for cross-agency workforce analytics.

We respectfully urge the Commission to modernize and share Texas Workforce Commission's data to connect training to jobs and ensure that Texas remains competitive and continues to attract and retain business and talent in the state. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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