From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

First Name: Sarah

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I support continuing the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers.

Our regulatory body improves delivery of services to people living with mental illness as well as their families, As a professional I need access to knowledge and skills the board provides in resolving complex issues relating to serving the needs of our citizens.

I am opposed to the recommendation to demote the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to advisory status under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). Oversight of mental health professionals is beyond the scope of TDLR. None of the occupations regulated by TDLR work with fragile individuals struggling to overcome devastating psychological/biological, social, emotional and physical challenges. A move to TDLR will not resolve access to care or regulatory challenges.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I support a move to allocate licensing fee revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree