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, April 02, 2018 8:28 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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

I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board; I oppose the classification of professional appointees on the BHEC as ex officio members; The TSBSWE is not operating efficiently & effectively under HHSC —when I moved to Texas in 2011 and called to ask if my supervision in Washington state could count toward a clinical license, I received three completely different answers over the course of 6 months. The first person said, maybe and to call back later. The second person said, Yes, but I would need my supervisor to submit records. The second time I called to see if they were received that person said emphatically NO I could not. In the last year, I have sent request for verification of my license and it has been difficult to find what was required to send with it, including payment if any. I know my check was cashed, but I still have not received the form in the mail and do not look forward to phone calls needed to find out the status.

Each board must remain independent under the BHEC; The TSBSWE must have more money to operate effectively;

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The BHEC should be made up of nine voting members – one public and one professional from each of the four boards, with a final public member appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree