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**To:** [Janet Wood](#)  
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 3:45 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Alma

Last Name: Altamirano

Title: private practice

Organization you are affiliated with: private practice

Email:

City: El Paso

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I would like to ask what are the benefits that you have as goals for the mental health clients in our state with this radical reform you are considering. Quality clinical care needs to be regulated by Boards who KNOW what are the ins and outs of our services. All licensed clinicians being counselors, social workers or marriage and family therapists must be regulated and licensed by boards who legislate, implement, supervise these professions -as it is the function of our current Boards. Please keep the system as it is for each of these professional Boards. Not only are we regulated by them but also we get support and guidance from them. I support the initiative of my fellow clinicians for asking that our respective Boards be kept as they are. I also support our Medicare position. Please hear our voices and consider our request. I thank you for this opportunity to provide you with input and pray to God that you will reconsider your decision. Please stand by our clients and by we professionals who make a difference in the lives of Texans.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

PLEASE KEEP OUR BOARDS AUTONOMOUS... PROVIDE THEM WITH RESOURCES THAT MAKE THEIR JOB EFFECTIVE. WE ARE AN ACTIVE PART OF OUR STATE'S COMMUNITIES AND THEIR MENTAL HEALTH. OUR GOVERNING BOARDS HELP MAINTAIN AND PROMOTE EXCELLENCE IN THE SERVICES WE DELIVER.

THANK YOU VERY MUCH FOR TAKING MY INPUT INTO CONSIDERATION.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree