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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 3:23 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Title: Dr.

Organization you are affiliated with:

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City: Converse

State: Texas

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

Hello,

After reading the Sunset review's report, I strongly oppose the recommendation to move the LPC Board to the TLDR. Professional Counselors have a unique professional identity that allows us into the lives of our clients, and a general license board would struggle to understand the complexities of the profession. I urge you to keep the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors an autonomous entity, with more support from the state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly support the idea of the dues from all licensed professional counselors (of which I am one), be funneled to the board so that it can run more efficiently it meeting its commitment to the profession and the public. While the board has gotten behind in hearing complaints and tending to licensees, this is largely due to a lack of funds and lack of personnel. The LPC Board meetings I have attended are professionally run, and the board members do an excellent job of attending to the issues at hand.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree