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

I strongly oppose the recommendation of the Texas Sunset Commission staff on the reauthorization of the Department of State Health Services that the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and licensing boards of both Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers be reconstituted as advisory committees at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

I have been and LPC and an LMFT for many years, and say absolutely, that both these professions MUST be guarded and guided by individuals who, themselves, have the education, professional qualifications, and professional experience of the counseling professions they guard. LPCs, LMFTs, and LSWs are required to have advanced academic education and guided, professional practice.

Please, do not make the proposed change to the current protection of these professions and the public which has been proposed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave the licensing boards and requirements for LPCs, LMFTs, and LSWs as they are.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree