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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My comment is in response to the recommendation that the Texas State Board of Social Work Examiners be moved to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. As a licensed social work, I encourage the commission to consider the necessity of having staff that is educated in the field of social work and mental health, no matter what agency houses the licensing board. Social workers are trained differently than Marriage and Family Therapists and Professional Counselors, and the staff at whatever agency operates licensure needs to have a complete understanding of these differences in order to protect the public. While TDLR may have success at licensing other professions, I encourage the commission to explore how to best protect a profession that works with clients and their very sensitive and delicate information.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend the commission create a Helping Professions Licensing Agency within TDLR to ensure helping professions, such as social work, are being overseen by staff with knowledge of helping professions and mental health.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree