From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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- Social workers should be respected members of our community. Making them go through an arduous and expensive process to obtain and maintain our professional licenses is evidence of the devaluing of our profession. Other states do not treat their social workers this poorly. Texas is one of the worst states to practice as a professional social worker. This must change to help and protect the citizens of Texas.

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