-----Original Message-----From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<u>mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local</u>] Sent: Wednesday, November 16, 2016 11:13 AM To: Sunset Advisory Commission 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 continuation of the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers via the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

I opposed to the recommendation to relegate the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to advisory status under the over-extended Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend the retention of the structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. Setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for Social Work professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards. The Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Social Workers is unique to mental health and requires peer to peer review in rule making and the complaint process.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree