From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Sent: Friday, April 06, 2018 12:03 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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

The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors responsible for working with the LPCs and LPC-Ss in Texas is at a crisis point because of consolidation by the Legislature. A recent phone call placed by my wife to the LPC Board placed her on hold for 1 hour and 20 minutes. Licenses and upgrades to licenses(LPC to LPC-S) is unnecessarily slow making it very difficult for monetize either the move from LPC-Intern to LPC, or LPC to LPC-S.

As a TCA member, their critiques and suggestions and believe those objections and suggestions should be given great consideration. The vast majority of mental health care in Texas is provided by LPCs. Texas LPCs need a board that is available, adequately staffed, adequately trained, responsive to concerns by the LPCs in the state, and able to be contacted. That is currently not possible.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Staff the Board appropriately, and seriously consider the recommendations of the TCA assessment.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree