-----Original Message-----From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<u>mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local</u>] Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 12:27 PM 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:

Social Workers are a vital part of the effort to provide services to those who suffer from mental illness, those struggling with disabilities, and child victims of neglect and abuse. We need effective and efficient regulation of our profession.

I fully agree with the recommedations advocated by the NASW Texas Chapter:

- I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board

- I opposed the classification of professional appointees on the BHEC as ex officio members

- I support the proposal that each board must remain independent under the BHEC.

The general lack of funding for HHSC services is appalling. The TSBSWE is no execption. The TSBSWE is not operating efficiently & effectively under HHSC. The TSBSWE must have more money to operate effectively

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I agree with the recommendation that the BHEC 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