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**Sent:** Monday, November 21, 2016 5:15 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Dear Sunset Advisory Commission,

I am writing you as a Dean of a school of nursing that includes all levels of professional nursing education, and the current President of the Texas Association of Deans and Directors of Professional Nursing Programs to express serious concern about legislatively allowing graduates of Excelsior College to exempt the Texas Board of Nursing's initial requirements for licensure. The Board has close to 100 years of experience determining the entry level qualifications and educational standards for safe nursing practice. They are well-qualified to determine what educational standards should exist for the discipline and are the most knowledgeable about standards of practice. The Excelsior graduates do not meet the minimum passing standard on the national licensure examination that all other educational programs are held to in the state of Texas. The public consumers deserve a nurse who has had knowledgeable supervision and certification by qualified nursing faculty in delivering hands on patient care and the associated skills required to perform this care. The exception for Excelsior College should be allowed to expire and the Board should continue to function as the body that determines the minimum educational qualifications and experiences that entry-level professional nurses should possess in order to apply for licensure. Please do not recommend that these graduates continue to circumvent the basic educational requirements that exist as standard in nursing education programs in Texas and elsewhere in the United States.

Sincerely,

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