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As a Texan and licensed Texas psychologist for the past 21+ years, I encourage the Sunset Committee members to <u>support maintaining the Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists as an independent board</u> and NOT consolidate it with other state agencies. Like physicians, psychologists are doctoral-level practitioners with special expertise and should be overseen by a specialty board, like physicians. Generic "mental health" or similar boards comprised of other professions would not have an understanding of the diverse roles and practices of psychologists (which, for example, includes clinical neuropsychologists, who work with patients with known or suspected cognitive disorders, unlike most clinical psychologists) and their expertise.

Please forward this message to all members of the Sunset Committee. Thank you,

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