

Sunset Advisory Commission PO Box 13066 Austin, TX 78711

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To the Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission:

Please receive this email as a reflection of my enthusiastic and unqualified support for the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC). While I am fully aware of the economic situation plaguing our state and nation these days, I also believe that organizations like the THGC contribute far more to our society than can be measured in simple dollars. My opinion of the THGC's value is based on several accounts from colleagues, as well as my personal experience in support of the Texas Liberator Project – a multifaceted and innovative educational resource that utilized oral histories of WWII veterans from Texas who were among the first American soldiers to assist in the liberation of several Nazi concentration camps in 1945. (More information is available at texasliberators.org.)

That project would not have been possible without the support of the THGC. It, and others like it, have reminded this and future generations of the need to remain vigilant in our collective, societal fight against racial and religious bigotry, tyranny, and injustice.

Please continue to give the THGC every consideration for funding during the next legislative biennium. I am confident that all of us will benefit.

Sincerely,

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