From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>
Subject: FW: Attn: Ken Levine

Date: Friday, October 17, 2014 8:06:46 AM

From: James Davis

Sent: Thursday, October 16, 2014 7:44 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission **Subject:** Attn: Ken Levine

Dear Mr. Levine,

Thank you for your service to our state as Director of the Sunset Commission. Yours is an important position, affecting all of the citizens of our state.

- I understand that there is discussion do discontinue NorthSTAR.
- I personally know of several individuals who have benefitted greatly from NorthSTAR.
- It has made all of the difference in their lives to some of them.
- As you know it serves more than 1/3 of all of the people in Texas who get public sector mental health and/or substance use services.
- It would be a tragedy for many who are trying to get rehabilitated & get a job & contribute to the Texas economy, both through their work efforts and taxes.

Please don't allow our state to turn its back on these needy citizens. Sincerely,
James Henry Davis
McKinney, Texas