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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:
Hello,

I am writing concerning the recent recommendations for the restructuring of the Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. I agree that the board has attempted to resolve the concerns presented in the first Sunset Review. I also agree that in spite of their efforts, the board is ill-equipped to effectively manage the number of license requests, renewals and complaints submitted to their office. The result has been that the livelihood of mental health professionals in Texas has been put in jeopardy. I support the creation of the Behavioral Health Executive Council to allow for more efficient management of behavioral health licensure and consumer complaint resolution.

I am opposed to the new Behavioral Health Executive Council consisting of only public members with an independent presiding officer. While I agree with the appointment of a public member by each board, I feel very strongly that each board should also have the opportunity to appoint one professional member as suggested in the last Sunset Review. Having one professional member appointed by each board will ensure that the nuances of each profession are considered and represented by a member who has expertise that public members may not possess. Additionally, the previous Sunset Review suggested that the governor appoint a presiding officer which will ensure that the members of the new council will consist of a majority of public members. As such, the safety of the public will continue to be the main function of the council.
Thank you for your consideration.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None at this time

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree