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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Lauren

Last Name: Gastorf

Title: Licensed Professional Counselor

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: McKinney

State: Texas

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

I oppose the recommendation to relegate the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors and the other mental health professional licensing boards to advisory status under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) as I believe TDLR is already over-extended and the potential to overlook vital mental health issues is great. I do not believe TDLR is equipped to handle the scope of issues unique to mental health professionals and the population we serve.

I support autonomous regulation of Texas Licensed Professional Counselors. I also support continuous efforts to improve the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Allocate annual Licensed Professional Counselor licensing fees to regulatory efforts of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree