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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION TVC

First Name: Melissa

Last Name: Gates

Title: Polk County Veteran Service Officer

Organization you are affiliated with: Polk County Veteran Services

Email:

City: Livingston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Regarding the Texas Veterans Commission report Issue 2, I am supporting the recommendation to remove the military requirements for veteran county service officers to expand the pool of potential accredited claims counselors for Texas Veterans. I have been a county service officer for 10yrs, but I am not a veteran. I understand the tradition behind the original rule, but my veterans would disagree that you have to be a veteran to help veterans. I often say that I may have not served my country, but I serve those who did. I support this recommendation so that I can continue doing what I am already doing, but as an accredited service officer. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: na

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree