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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Monday, November 14, 2016 8:13 AM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Alesia

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: TCA

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City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It is vital that Licensed Professional Counselors, Licensed Marriage and Family Therapists, and Social Workers continue to be regulated by their own board. Putting these mental health professionals under the jurisdiction of Texas Department of Licensure and Regulation is not appropriate. The mental health and safety of clients is beyond the scope of the TDLR and phasing out the boards with experience in mental healthcare as well as ethical and legal issues surrounding the practice of mental health will be detrimental to the quality of care in our state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The state must fund the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors so that it may effectively regulate its licensees.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree