From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Sent: Tuesday, April 10, 2018 1:31 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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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: I completely agree that the Texas Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors should be incorporated into the Behavioral Health Executive Council. I however Strongly and EMPHATICALLY do not want a professional representative from the current LPC board to have voting rights. Their job is to provide instruction, advice, and council to those professional counselors who actively work in the field. To often the problems created by the current and past LPC board members have created the current problems with licensing and license renewal we currently have in the state. It has been their bureaucratic mentality that has created multiple problems professional counselors are facing. It is imperative that the new council NOT be bogged down by people who have done little to advance or correct problems Licensed Professional Counselors are currently facing. The current Licensed Professional Counseling Board of Examiners should act ONLY as a consultative position and allow Licensed Professional Counselor representation come from actual working LPC's who are in daily practice. PLEASE create the Behavioral Health Council, but DO NOT ALLOW LPC Board members the right to vote, keep them as consultants only.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not allow representation come from academia (i. e. counselor educators)

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree