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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:
I've held a social work license since about 1986 - LSW/LMSW/LCSW I've supervised many grad school students and those working towards LCSW.
Over the last 4-5 years I've been there for my supervisees that were trying to get approval for supervision and completion of supervision - and their being told "we have a backlog" --- and the process of approval taking 3-4 months.  This really has become a "crazy" process to take that long.  I'd rightly guessed it was a merging of all mental health professions and more into the same office and same "minimal" staff.  I SUPPORT A BREAKING AWAY and the Social Work Board becoming independent for the other boards --- my concern is that when my license renews in November 2018 - will I be caught in the backlog and told I can't return to work - even when I've renewed with plenty of advance time.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: no alternative but the Social Work Board must become independent for other professional boards

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree