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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Staff Report was exemplary in setting out the widespread management problems and troubling lack of constitutional due process of the HHSC-OIG. I strongly support all of the recommendations set out under Issue 10 and Issue 11. I supported the efforts shown by many concerned professionals, organizations and citizens in raising these issues during the 83rd Legislature and am pleased that Sunset Staff were able to bring to the public and the Legislature the facts that OIG's Management concealed and refused to provide in its own testimony during legislative committee hearings on HB1536 and SB1803. Unfortunately, this report could not come in time to save the approximately \$40 million dollars of taxpayer money that was wasted based upon the Legislature's reliance on the representations made by HHSC-OIG in their sworn testimony.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Issues 10 and 11 of the Sunset Staff's report on HHSC-OIG clearly shows the failure of management philosophy that is deeply ingrained in the culture of HHSC/HHSC-OIG as an agency. Although the recommendations provided by Sunset Staff are necessary for the future success of the agency, it is clear that these recommendations cannot be entrusted to the current management of HHSC-OIG. A complete change of management and culture must take place before improvement can begin and new leadership should come from outside of the current HHSC system.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree