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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 am writing to express my full support of the proposed changes submitted on behalf of professional counselors and social workers. Since my first year of graduate school, I have witnessed myriad changes, seemingly at warp speed, in the areas of academic, ethical, and accountability requirements for LPCs. The current proposals of the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission are both arcane and archaic. As articulated by TCA, it is a fact that licensed counselors and social workers are educated, trained, and held to a higher standard than other mental health affiliations. There is a dire need for mental health professionals to assist in treating individuals as a whole. Please consider providing us with what is so obviously needed: State licensing autonomy/accountability; increased allocated funds that will enable the Texas Mental Health Licensing Boards to operate in a competent and STRESS REDUCED capacity; financial recognition of LPC-Interns capable of performing our job in the way we are educated and trained to do at 100% reimbursement; and, most importantly, pave the way for any and every human being to seek/obtain mental health treatment. We are a helping profession. We cannot help without YOUR help. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation is for the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission to kindly consider each and every proposal brought forth on behalf of all professional counselors and social workers so that we can continue to move forward in filling a gap that is costing lives in our state, country, and the world over. Change. Please.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree