From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Monday, June 30, 2014 10:45 AM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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Agency: DEPARTMENT FAMILY AND PROTECTIVE SERVICES DFPS

First Name: Katherine

Last Name: Jackson

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the recommendation to prioritize prevention within HHSC/DFPS enterprises.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend ensuring that DFPS provide caseworkers with more training in their responsibilities, as described in their policy manual, regarding their responsibilities when the parents and/or family members are not US citizens but the child in CPS care is a citizen. Ensure that the case worker is doing his/her due diligence to work with the consulate of the parent(s)/family members' home country to ensure that the Texas foster care system is not unnecessarily burdened with foster children who could otherwise be reunited with their families.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree