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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: BOARD TRUSTEES EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TEXAS ERS

First Name: Liz

Last Name: Jackson

Title: ERS customer and sister of ERS customer

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: San Angelo

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

ERS system for determining disability payments for an employee of 21 years and 3 months is too complicated for a person with severe mental illness, sets up said employee to lose needed benefits because employees can only win with an Attorney and many disabled people can't afford an attorney. The paper work is written in complicated legal language. Gunther Goetz is like a keeper of the money because ERS runs like a big bank and doesn't want to pay people disability when they need it. The Judge who looks at the appeal has no medical experience and is not qualified to make such decisions. Most of all the process discriminates against people with mental illness. A higher court needs to look at ERS.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Hold ERS feet to the fire and make them treat severely disabled people with mental illness fair.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree