From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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

I support the recommendation that the boards regulating LPCs, LMFTs, Social Workers, and Psychologists be housed at the new Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council, as this will create a more efficient and effective structure for all professionals who deliver mental health services in Texas.

I remember when the LPC license was first available in Texas and I have followed it until now. Professionals need efficient delivery of services from our governing agencies. It seems prudent that all 4 boards combine. Also, it is important to consider that the professional members appointed to BHEC by each licensing board have voting privileges on BHEC.

I continued my education after receiving my LPC in order to serve my clients better. My studies have provided me with a wonderful opportunity to teach counseling courses and ensure that the highest ideas, ethics, and standards are upheld. We need our professional Licensing Board to uphold these ideals also. One board would be an efficient use of taxpayer dollars and also enable the public to find providers and file complaints if necessary.

I was encouraged when the last Sunset Commission recommended unanimously the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council and I urge you to approve this creation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please support the creation of the Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council by the Sunset Commission.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree