From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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

I do support the idea that the agencies regulating LPCs, LMFTs, Social Workers, and Psychologists be housed at the new Texas Behavioral Health Executive Council. I do believe this will create efficiencies for mental health providers in Texas.

Each board would still have separately appointed members from the Governor's office. Each board would still maintain its own independent ability to set rules. The Council as proposed would be an administrator for the four current boards. As some of the boards now do share some employees for some administrative actions, this would formalize and streamline the process.

There is no reason for the psychologists to have their own board. I also hold a PhD in a helping discipline. Many other counselors, MFTs and Social Workers do as well. There is no reason one group of PhDs should get special treatment. This would be discriminatory.

Thank you for your work on behalf of the state of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: n/a

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree