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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I have a Masters degree in Clinical Social Work and have worked in the field for almost 20 years in both mental health and medical areas, in three different states in the U.S. Social Work is a unique profession in that we have a strong code of conduct and ethics. We need to maintain the current structure and function of the board since we need a professionally specialized board to promote and require ethical training and practice standards. Social Workers work with all populations and ages of people facing individual and systemic issues. Our licensing board needs to be staffed by peers who are familiar with the myriad of issues our clients face, often which are very complex, and who are familiar with the expertise, ethical requirements, continuing education needs, and limits that Social Workers bring to assist these clients. We should continue the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers, so I strongly oppose the recommendation to relegate the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to advisory status under the over-extended Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). Oversight of mental health professionals is beyond the scope of TDLR. Licensing fee revenue needs to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly oppose consolidation and support retaining the current structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree