From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

First Name: Linda

Last Name: Jones

Title: Social Worker

Organization you are affiliated with: Jones Counseling and Support Services

Email:

City: Stafford

State: Texas

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

Retain the structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. Setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for Social Work professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards. The Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Social Workers is unique to mental health and requires peer to peer review in rule making and the complaint process.

I have had several colleagues that have been reviewed by TSBSWE. The process is fair and they understand social workers and the diverse and difficult

populations we serve with behavioral and mental health issues. It does not

need to be watered down by another agency that only looks at if you meet the paper/ceu requirements of your license, with a possible knee jerk reaction, but what level are you providing those services. Licensing fees need to be allocated as revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Licensing fees need to be allocated as revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree