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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PSYCHOLOGISTS

First Name: Al

Last Name: Kahn

Title: Licensed Psychologist

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

I wish to address the proposed change in the licensing requirements that eliminates the required year of supervised post-doctoral experience for full licensure.

During my career I have spent many years supervising doctoral candidates during their year of full-time pre-doctoral internship, as well as graduates during their post-degree supervised year. The competency level at the point of completing the degree is not in my opinion consistently sufficient for independent practice without further supervision. A few candidates may be ready, but many are not. The practice of psychology is sufficiently complex that the additional year of supervision protects the public from insufficiently prepared practitioners. New graduates are still in the steep part of the learning curve and most need continued required supervision for at least an additional year.

I strongly urge the sunset commission to reject this recommendation.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No new recommendations.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree