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**To:** [Janet Wood](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Texas Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report—Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.  
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**Sent:** Wednesday, November 30, 2016 5:33 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Texas Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report—Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

I am taking the opportunity to voice my opposition to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report—Texas State Board of Examiners of Psychologists.

***I am opposed to items 1 and 2 of the Sunset Advisory Commission staff report :***

1. The Board's Oral Examination is an Unnecessary Requirement for Licensure
2. Requiring a Year of Post-Doctoral Supervision is an Unnecessary Hurdle to Licensure, Potentially Contributing to the Mental Health Care Provider Shortage in Texas

***I also am opposed to the separate staff report (released 11/15/16) recommending the consolidation of TSBEP under TDLR. I am in favor of a new definition of "psychologist" in Texas that acknowledges diagnosis as an essential component of the practice of psychology.***

Thank you for the opportunity to provide comments on the Sunset review process for the Texas psychology practice act. If you have any questions or need further information, please contact me at

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