From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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

Overall, I agree with the Sunset Commission staff finding in Issue 1 to consolidate the four behavioral health boards into a single agency – the Behavioral Health Executive Council.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I support the TCA's proposal that the BHEC consist of one professional member and one public member appointed by each of the boards. In this way, behavioral health professionals are able to be self-regulating as a profession, just as other professionals are empowered to be under state law, such as lawyers and doctors.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree