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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: While I recognize that there are imperfections and some inefficiencies present in the Board of Examiners for Professional Counselors, I am deeply concerned by the proposed solution. The TDLR may be doing well in licensing the groups that it currently covers, but it is ill equipped to handle the complexities of licensing and overseeing the duties performed by Licensed Professional Counselors. We undergo highly specialized training so that we may provide the best possible mental health care to often fragile and needy individuals. We are bound to a stringent and complex ethical code that is there to ensure the safety of our clients. Our field and our clients need to be protected by making sure that all counselors are held accountable by our very own peers, whom I believe are the only ones able to fully understand and value our roles and duties. Asking the TDLR to do this unrealistic, and I believe that it will put clients at risk. I also believe that asking the TDLR to take on a role that they are unsuited to cover will put undue stress on their systems and cause the other agencies they are responsible for to suffer.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The licensing of Licensed Professional Counselors needs to remain in the hands of an independent board comprised of fellow counselors. I believe that the imperfections and inefficiencies would be properly addressed if the Texas Department of State Health Services allocated funds generated by licensing fees to support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors. Had this been done already, perhaps these issues could have been reduced or avoided to begin with. Thank you for taking the time to consider to these concerns and suggestions.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree