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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Lauren

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Title: Public Board Member

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City: San Antonio

State: Texas

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

To reconstitute the LPC Board as an Advisory Committee is a huge mistake. An important reason the LPC Board must remain an autonomous board with independent rulemaking authority is because the staff members for TDLR will not have the education, training, and experience necessary to create the LPC rules or implement them effectively. Regulating Professional Counselors is extremely nuanced and complex. I am a public member on the Board. As a public member it is my job to protect the public. I take this obligation very seriously. My role as a public member is crucial, but it would not be possible without the strong collaboration of the professional members. The professional members bring in their education and experience in the counseling profession when drafting the rules that govern their profession, which accordingly improves the profession as a whole. Additionally, when complaints are brought against LPCs the Board brings expertise to these matters that could not be done by staff members that are not trained in the profession. These are life-altering decisions that not only affect the Professional Counselor, but the citizens of Texas they are counseling. To change the LPC Board into an Advisory Board would reduce the invaluable input of the Board Members and will undoubtedly have a negative impact on the profession and the public at large.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I suggest moving the Board from DSHS, which as mentioned in the Sunset Report, is ineffectively managed and understaffed, to a different agency, while maintaining the LPC Board's existing authority.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree