From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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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:

ACA and TCA disagree with the following Sunset Commission staff recommendation:

"The executive council would be composed of one public member appointed by each of the four boards and an independent presiding officer appointed by the governor."

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

We recommend that the structure of the BHEC, as proposed during the last Sunset Review, include one professional and one public member appointed by each board, with the presiding officer appointed by the Governor. Currently, no board that regulates health professionals in Texas is composed exclusively of public members. In fact, the Sunset Commission staff recommendations for the Board of Medical Examiners do not propose to restructure that Board to create an all or majority public member structure.

Including professional members on the BHEC is much more likely to enhance consistency in standards of practice, licensing and enforcement decisions because no single profession would hold a majority on the BHEC."

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree