From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Sent: Monday, April 02, 2018 1:26 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I support the creation of the BHEC and support each board remaining independent under the BHEC. I also oppose the classification of professional appointees of the BHEC as ex officio members; they need to be able to participate fully by being able to vote. This change is needed due to the TSBSWE not operating efficiently and effectively under HHSC. I recently tried calling the board and was on hold for over 45 minutes, and the same thing happened when I called a second time on a different day. I had to hang up each time since I was unable to wait longer for someone to finally answer the call.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The BHEC should be made up of nine voting members: one public and one professional from each of the four boards, with a final member from the public appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree