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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Hello I just want to kindly ask for reconsideration for LMFTs to have the right to treat, and diagnose families and individuals with problems using a more systemic perspective to include family as part of a way to help treat and develop support for therapy. Family therapy is essential to individual and working with the models coming from family theorists helps to bridge the gap for many who did not fit criteria for acceptance to work with programs that didn't see the family or community we live as a part of support and help to improve individual functionality.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please reconsider the impact that taking the rights of LMFT's has on our community and although there are differences widespread within the counseling field one thing for certain is that marriage and family therapy offers more services that are not included in general counseling that has more essential strategies for the family and not jus the individual. Individuals chances to continue to maintain progress made in recovery is when they have a support system to help them remain consistent, and having others (family) to remind you of things you want to focus on. Yes give you a challenge to work on and monitor progress being made by taken into accounts self-reports that the family also has to share with their family member in therapy. Thank you for your time and hope for a brighter future for LMFT's in Texas. Thanks

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree