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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Title: Student obtaining Masters in Licensed Professional Counseling

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas State University

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City: Austin

State: Texas

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

I am a student pursuing licensure as a professional counselor and a student member of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the world's largest organization representing professional counselors in various practice settings.

I align myself with the views of ACA and the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) that the current proposal to assign public members only to the proposed board places the livelihoods of licensees in jeopardy and puts the public at risk.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I 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