From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Monday, April 30, 2018 8:34 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Gayle

Last Name: Manskey

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with: TCA

Email:

City: Mineral Wells

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support professionals on licensing board and BHEC for mental health professions. I support TCA's positions on the issues addressed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that experienced school counselors' years of counseling be considered regarding LPC internship hours. I have experience counseling all grade levels, children, teenagers, and parents for over 18 years as a master's level school counselor in Texas. I just completed a 16 semester hour post-graduate Clinical Mental Health Certification from a Texas university which included a mental health internship. Yet, as an LPC-Intern, I still must complete 3,000 HOURS of supervised internship which i also have to pay for. In viewing and listening to the recent video of Sunset Commission discussions, I was reminded of the serious need for mental health providers. The current rules are discouraging. Your support in addressing this extended internship problem is greatly needed for the public benefit, administrative reasons, and the counselor. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree