From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: Leah

Last Name: McDill

Title: LPC-Supervisor

Organization you are affiliated with: New Life Counseling Center, PLLC

Email:

City: Round Rock

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I offer my highest respect for our regulatory board for Licensed Professional Counselors! Without this board regulating and guarding our the license to counsel, anyone could present themselves as a counselor without the education or internship/experience and supervised clinical experience to do so. Then the public will be greatly impacted by poor services and not know how to navigate resources for mental health. I can not think of a more disasterous choice. Our licensing board pays for itself, so I do not at all understand the possibility of demoting our board to an advisory board.

Please, please keep our board assembled and providing the great job that they are currently providing for our field and for the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep the current regulatory board in place!! As a professor at Texas State Univ. this board helps me teach future counselors about ethics and responsibility to clients and the public. Please keep them in tact!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree