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Sent: Thursday, April 26, 2018 12:06 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS MEDICAL BOARD

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State: Texas

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

I am writing to oppose Management Action 1.4 (page 15, August 2017 report).

Physicians who specialize in treating lifelong intractable pain obviously have the highest numbers of controlled-substance prescriptions. Prescription numbers are not in themselves warning signs of improper practice, nor should they be considered grounds for targeted inspection. Extra scrutiny toward doctors who treat chronic pain is, in effect, government-sanctioned discrimination against patients with disabilities.

The state has a compelling public interest in prosecuting the illicit drug trade, and should concentrate its resources there. The state should not have authority over what prescriptions a licensed physician can prescribe.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Sunset Commission needs to clarify that the Texas Medical Board does not mandate particular dosage for legal, compliant patients with medical need for controlled substances, nor does it require reduction of dosage for legacy patients in pain management clinics when such reduction is not otherwise medically indicated.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree