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**To:** [Janet Wood](#)  
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Thursday, August 18, 2016 7:07 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: BOARD TRUSTEES EMPLOYEES RETIREMENT SYSTEM TEXAS ERS

First Name: Margaret

Last Name: Mills

Title: Retired Social Worker

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas State Department of Health Services

Email:

City: Austin

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I support the recommendations by the Sunset Commission that the ERS Board of Trustees be expanded to 9 members. I also highly support SB1146, Introduced in the 84th legislature by Senator Kirk Watson. This legislation stipulated that a retiree be eligible for any seat.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please review and pass both recommendations. I have been retired since the year 2000, after 27 years of service (24 in Child Protective Services, and 3 in Texas State Dept of Health Services). I have not received a cost of living increase, nor a 13th check, to maintain a stable standard of living, due to increased expenses, since I retired 16 years ago. I am living much "closer to the bone" than I ever thought would be required when I retired, and that limitation and stress increases every year. Especially living in Austin, housing and property taxes have increased dramatically. Many folks living here have been priced out of their homes, (many already paid off), due to taxes and utility increases. Please approve a designated retiree board member who can help focus on the needs of those who have served the State for many years, with the understanding that we could count on the ERS to keep its promise to us as well.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree