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 02, 2018 9:38 AM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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State: Texas

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

I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board. I oppose the classification of professional appointees on the BHEC as ex officio members. The TSBSWE is not operating efficiently & effectively under HHSC.

Each board must remain independent under the BHEC. The TSBSWE must have more money to operate effectively. I have spent the last six years in graduate school and licensure requirements in order to be of service to the community as a licensed clinical social worker. I should not have to find that the state of Texas and the Social Workers Board of Examiners is my biggest obstacle to providing care to the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The BHEC should be made up of nine voting members – one public and one professional from each of the four boards, with a final public member appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree