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To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: STATE BOARD VETERINARY MEDICAL EXAMINERS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I wish to commend the Sunset Commission for their services in regards to uncovering a level of gross mis-management by the Texas state board of veterinary medical examiners. As someone who's family has been directly in direct contact and negatively effected by the aforementioned board, it is abundantly clear the competency to adequately perform to minimal standards is not possible. This board is so essential to public well being and domestic animals, that it is immediately imperative to re-evaluate and re-establish this entity. The evaluation process most certainly should be at least 6 years or less for review and seriously detail the concerns of the sunset review as well as the eloquent and heart felt public comments. It should not be necessary for this board to have its hand held to the fire via legislation to act on any of the sunset recommendations. They should have new staff and board members led by a dynamic leader who is willing to meet more than 4 times annually. This practice leads to fast and sloppy decisions.

Controlled drugs is a serious problem and as Mr. Gonzales stated, perhaps should not even be addressed by the commission. It is a serious problem still. The lack of transparency and compassion to the public when a complaint is waged is laughable. Disciplinary action is disguised, comments to complainants is withheld in secret and committee discussion to veterinary doctors is not allowed obviously due to lack of attention and resources.

Throwing money at problems is not always the answer but in this case, perhaps this board and committee running may need additional resources commensurate to our population growth and volume of complaints. This should only happen with a serious amount of turnover in agency staff and board members.

Listening to the chairman of the board in chambers with the sunset commission was very unsettling as it illustrated his impressive lack of knowledge and participation about pertinent subject matters. As it was said several times, it was a bad report of the agency and board. If I was a standing member of either, I would certainly recognize my short comings and volunteer to step aside. I hope this is considered by them.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None since the sunset report and hearings. Hopefully the clear and concise recommendations made in the report and public comments are all heard and acted upon.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree