From: <u>Sunset Advisory Commission</u>

To: Brittany Calame

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

Agency: TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION TVC

First Name: Ted

Last Name: Oats

Title: Texas Veteran Commission Advisory Committee Chairman

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Greenville

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: The Veterans of Texas receive million of dollars from the VA each year thanks to County Service Officers filing claims for both Veterans and their families. The CSO has been able to provide this service at no cost to the State of Texas except for the training provided by TVC. If TVC cuts back on providing training, then the state of Texas is cheating our Veterans while benefiting from the funds the VA expends each year. TVC has not consulted the CSO organization about the impact this will have on the benefits for Texas Veterans.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I think the Sunset Commission should meet with the Veterans County Service Officers Association before any recommendations are finalized to reduce training.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree