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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to ask you to vote to continue the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers. I oppose the recommendation to relegate the TSBSWE to advisory status under the over-extended Texas Department of licensing and Regulation (TDLR), as oversight of mental health professionals is beyond the scope of TDLR. None of the occupations regulated by TDLR work with fragile individuals struggling to overcome devastating psychological, social, emotional and physical challenges. A move to TDLR will not resolve access to care or regulatory challenges.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Allocating I I licensing fee revenue to support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners will offset the costs.

It is important that we retain the structure and autonomy of the TSBSWE.

Setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for Social Work professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards. The Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Social Workers is unique to mental health and requires peer to peer review in rule making and the complaint process.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree