From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

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

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

First Name: fran

Last Name: osborn

Title: LPCS

Organization you are affiliated with: Insight Counseling

Email:

City: richardson

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I believe Licensed professional counselors should be governed under their own board by Professionals who understand the population we work with as well as the needs of those working in the counseling field. The landscape in Texas is changing regarding mental health providers and options. Placing our profession under the jurisdiction of a general licensing board would create more red tape and ultimately impact our clients who need our services.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The State Licensing board does a good job in monitoring the activities of professional counselors and professional counseling interns.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree