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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I disagree with the sunset commission's recommendation that the TSBEP be consolidated with all of the other mental health boards. We are a different profession with different skill sets and training than therapists. We have doctoral degrees that took much more time and education to obtain than that of a therapist. This consolidation would be like combining doctors and nurses under the same board. Doesn't make sense and will harm our profession that has different requirements and needs, particularly in regards to standards around entry into the profession and continuing education.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep TSBEP separate and make changes to this board if needed.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree