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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I would like to voice my opposition to Recommendation 3.2 of the Texas Sunset Commission. The Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors provides regulatory oversight which protects the public by ensuring that LPCs are well educated and trained, plus adhere to a high professional ethical standard. LPC's impact the health and safety of their clients which benefits from the oversight of an independent, informed regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professional counselors.

Licensed Professional Counselors must hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professionals under Texas law. The occupations currently licensed by TDLR are not required to hold even a bachelor's degree. It is very important for the safety and well-being of the public served by Licensed Professional Counselors that we remain aligned with the Department of State Health Services (DSHS), regulated by an independent board, the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors.

I am strongly opposed to Recommendation 3.2

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Texas State Board of Examiners should continue to include experienced LPCs as well as provide open meetings and continuous communication with the licensed professional counselors in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree