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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: It is my understanding that the Texas Sunset Commission Staff has written Recommendation 3.2 to transfer the Texas State Board of Examiners to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation and reconstitute this independent board as an advisory committee. It is my opinion that this move would compromise the quality of mental health care in Texas if professional counselors are not accountable to personel educated and experienced in the mental health field at a post graduate level.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the boards governing the licensing of professional counselors, marriage and family therapists, and social workers remain as they are now.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree