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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 am a student from the Master of Arts in Counseling at St. Edwards University pursuing my LPC and currently doing my Practicum hours at a High School in Kyle, TX. I work with a high number of students with PTSD, as a result of sexual or physical abuse and many others affected by the natural disasters and violence experienced in our State. I am writing in regard to the Sunset Bill that is up for further discussion that involves the Mental Health Care in Texas. It is critically important that all therapists of all levels whether Psychiatrist, Psychologists, Social Workers or Psychotherapists are able to diagnose mental health disorders in order to reach the widest population in as many cities as possible in our powerful state. With greater restrictions and reduction of our rights and privileges to treat our clientele completely we increase the risk that those who need our counseling services will not be able to retain them due to the increased cost and the limitations of professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

With Sandy Hook, Hurricane Harvey, our recent local bombing incident and all the others that have impacted our country in such a severe way and unfortunately "normalized" such horrific violence we need all the mental health professionals possible to reach as many citizens in need as possible. While such a huge number of incidents have occurred it is unmeasurable how many have been prevented because individuals and families in need have sought counseling support and treatment. I humbly ask you to protect our privilege to practice to the fullest extent of our current license.

I Thank you in advance for your consideration and support, Concerned Citizen, future Professional, Parent and Wife, Respectfully Submitted, Maria-Fernanda Perez

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree