From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD SOCIAL WORKER EXAMINERS

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

- The TSBSWE is not operating efficiently & effectively under HHSC. It took almost 6 months to get my updated supervision plan approved. It took the board 3 months to provide me with feedback, I had to wait on hold for over an hour to get more clarification, and then another 3 months for the approval of my plan.
- The TSBSWE must have more money to operate effectively. It is clear that the issues with the board answering phones and processing paperwork in a timely manner is directly related to understaffing. Additional funds for

hiring more staff members would be essential for speeding up the process.

- I oppose the classification of professional appointees on the BHEC as ex officio members. We need to have professionals that understand social work from a practical, on-the-ground perspective and have the ability to vote on decisions like the public voting members.
- I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board
- Each board must remain independent under the BHEC

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: • The BHEC should be made up of nine voting members – one public and one professional from each of the four boards, with a final public member appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree