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Agency: TEXAS BOARD NURSING BON

First Name: Larry

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Title: Registered Nurse

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: San Angelo

State: Texas

Your Comments or Concerns: I have been an active registered nurse in Texas since 1996. During this time, I have seen very little benefit to the state's nurses or residents from the state board of nursing as it is currently organized. I understand there must be some level of state government oversight of nurses, however I feel this oversight can be appropriately accomplished through another means, such as an office within the state legislature. Re-assignment of nursing oversight could be an important means of reducing state expenditures. According to the board of nursing budget statement for 2016, the legislature has provided the board over 8 million dollars in funding, and the board is expected to receive over 4 million dollars in other receipts, such as nurse license fees. I urge the sunset commission to carefully review the board of nursing's value to Texas residents.

Your Proposed Solution: The sunset commission should recommend to the Texas state legislature a plan to eliminate the expensive board of nursing as it is now organized, and replace it with a office of nursing which can operate at a much reduced budget.