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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:

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Oppose the recommendation to relegate the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners to advisory status under the over-extended Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

Oversight of mental health professionals is beyond the scope of TDLR. None of the occupations regulated by TDLR work with fragile individuals struggling to overcome devastating psycho, social, emotional and physical challenges. A move to TDLR will not resolve access to care or regulatory challenges.

Allocate licensing fee revenue to directly support the regulatory functions of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners.

Retain the structure and autonomy of the Texas State Board of Social Worker Examiners. Setting and enforcing clear, ethical training and practice standards for Social Work professionals can only be accomplished by professionally specialized and independent licensing boards. The Code of Conduct and Code of Ethics for Social Workers is unique to mental health and requires peer to peer review in rule making and the complaint process.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue the autonomous regulation of Licensed Social Workers

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree