From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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My name is larry roser and I am President of the Alamo Council of The Blind affiliated with the American Council of the blind of Texas and The American Council of The Blind. I am writing to you as President of Alamo Council of the Blind. I am concerned about possible budjet cuts. I am one who wishes to have state and federal funds spent in a responsible way. I feel however that to have all human services agencies lumped into one pot means delution of funds spent in helping the Blind population of Texas. Devition of Blindservices as it is helps consumers along with those like me. I utilized them to get some services after being a waiting list for almost three months. While it did not bother me, being on a waiting list can be tromatic if one does not have family support and other ways of support. I did get some help. I am writing to request that Devition of blind services gets to maintain present funding, but also to add a second person who can handle needs of older blind people like me who are over 65. I am reminded that in Texas over 40 percent of the blind are over 65 and those are the ones needing services the most and to loose funding will be devastating to those who need services the most. This is along with blind children and those who wish to attend college or find jobs. If proposed changes are to be made it will hurt the blind community the most. I ask that the Sunset committee please read this letter and consider my comments for the record. I also volunteer for the san Antonio American Red Cross and I also use this volunteer job to help blind people and families needing help. Larry Roser