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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a Licensed Professional Counselor in the State of Texas # 63996, I am OPPOSED to the proposal that the Texas Sunset Commission is proopsing. Recommendation 3.2 places the PUBLIC AT RISK! The regulatory oversight provided by the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors which includes myself as a Licensed Professional Counselor ensures that all LPC's are well trained and adhere to HIGH PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS. The impact of LPCs on the health and safety of the clients that we serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals who are intimately aware of the potential dangers to the public and to the profession as a whole. I like the fact that I have to maintain continuous post-graduate training in order to maintain a professional license. Unlike the other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2, Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers must hold ADVANCED GRADUATE DEGREES and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations which are currently licensed by the TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree. PLEASE do not even consider allowing this ridiculous proposal to pass!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep Licensed Professional Counselors/Marriage and Family Therapists/Social Workers and Licensed Chemical Dependency Counselors under the Texas State Board of Examiners!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree