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**To:** [Brittany Calame](#)  
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Wednesday, April 11, 2018 3:35 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS VETERANS COMMISSION TVC

First Name: David

Last Name: Salazar

Title: Veteran

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Kyle

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Opposed to proposed recommendation to change requirement for County Veteran Service Officer to be Veterans. There is value in having certified and accredited Veteran Service Officers and Assistant Veteran Service Officers who have served in the military to serve or assist Veterans in accessing their earned benefits. Veterans across all branches of service have shared experiences and familiarity with VA, DoD and US Military framework and regulations and can effectively help assess fellow Veterans' needs and navigate the system. Civilians cannot do this regardless of how much time and training they have; nor are they going to have an instant rapport with or trust from Veterans they might be charged with serving.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would recommend authorization of additional staffing of Veterans to serve as Veterans Service Officers and Assistant Veterans Service Officers, as well as additional training resources to better serve our growing Veteran population. Should there need to be additional study of this issue, it would be wise to have it conducted by Veterans rather than non-Veteran state employees.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree