From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Sunset Review of Texas" Health and Human Services Agencies

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From: Stephen Samet

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Re: Sunset Review of Texas' Health and Human Services Agencies

I've written before; and, as an L.P.C. Counselor, I have to submit this second request. I count on a knowledgeable, well-trained, and experienced Licencing Board, for training, regulating, and updating me, on what's needed for me to best assist my clients/students. To take my regulatory body and place it under a general licensing commission, comprised of individuals with little or no training, background or hands-on experience, to be in charge of training and regulating me, is absurd.

My ethical standards are based on the constant oversight of the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors; and, my license gets it's meaning from that Board.

As Legislators, you count on the trained judges, and careful legislation to guide you in your actions; and, for you to ask someone with no understanding of the things that guide your activities, and actions, would be outrageous. So, don't place my values, standards, and ethics, under those with limited or no background in what I'm following, as my go to licensing board. Sincerely,

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