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Senator Jane Nelson, Chair
Representative Four Price, Vice Chair
Sunset Advisory Commission
Austin, Texas

Dear Senator Nelson and Representative Price:

Thank you for allowing Collin County Commissioner Cheryl Williams to provide input last week on the Sunset staff report and recommendations regarding HHSC and System Issues. We appreciate your leadership on Texas health issues, particularly for people with serious mental illness and intellectual disabilities.

During the public hearing, we heard several Commission members mention intent to modify the recommendations for Issue #9. As you know from our testimony, Collin County supports the recommendations as written; however, we recognize there are changes the Sunset Commission may make to modify Issue #9 recommendations as part of this process. If the Commission decides to reject or modify the staff recommendations we ask the Commission to ensure local areas like Collin County have the ability to be removed from the NorthSTAR pilot should we make that decision and still receive its fair share of state funding.

We expressed our desire to move forward with integrated care in a different model in the attached Commissioners Court order and appreciate consideration from the Commission that supports local decision-making.

Thanks again for your ongoing support of local government and the needs of our residents.

Sincerely,

Keith Self, County Judge
Collin County

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