From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I support the creation of the BHEC through the transformation of the psychology board. However, I oppose the classification of professional appointees on the BHEC as ex officio members so that voting rights are afforded. Each board must remain independent under the BHEC due to the specific differences between each behavioral health profession represented.

The TSBSWE is not operating efficiently & effectively under HHSC as my graduates cannot obtain licensure and employment in a timely manner (sometimes waiting up to 6 months after graduating). The TSBSWE must have more money to operate effectively and ensure Texans health and safety related to behavioral health issues are a priority.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The BHEC should be made up of nine voting members – one public and one professional from each of the four boards, with a final public member appointed by the Governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree