From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

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Agency: HEALTH AND HUMAN SERVICES COMMISSION HHSC

First Name: Kimberly

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Title:

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City: Spring Branch

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am opposed to the removal of the Task Force for Children With Special Needs, the Children's Policy Council, the Council on Children and Families, and the Texas System of Care Consortium. These groups are vital to supporting the needs of families who have children with unique health, mental, and developmental needs.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

The needs of each of the populations served by these agencies are specific and should not be combined or eliminated. If the committee is interested in saving money on staff time and travel cost, I would strongly recommend the use of technology for virtual meeting attendance in supporting these agencies. If HHSC staff is "confused as to which body is intended to accomplish what purpose", more training and more clearly defined roles are in order, rather than eliminating the agencies altogether.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree