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Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a licensed professional counselor & supervisor in Texas. I agree with the recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission with respect to oversight of licensed professional counselors in the state of Texas, particularly the recommendations regarding increasing funding and recruitment of qualified staff for processing license applications, and the recommendations regarding fingerprinting, background checks, and establishing an informal system for resolving less serious complaints regarding licensee conduct. I have watched numerous supervisees lose or defer job offers and income, as well as have to pay hundreds to thousands of dollars in additional supervision fees to me because the board has taken 4-5 months to process a two-page, error-free application. The licensing board as it currently operates is broken, and I believe the recommendations made in this report will have a better chance of protecting licensee and public interests, and better safeguard the profession as a whole.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None at this time; I support the recommendations as they are currently published for the TSBEP.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree