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Agency: TEXAS HOLOCAUST AND GENOCIDE COMMISSION

First Name: Jessica

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Title:

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City: Boerne

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I oppose any measures to abolish the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission and fully support its continued funding. This program provides vital support to schools and museums across Texas that help ensure the continued education of Texas students and the community. This education is necessary and more important than ever. Ensuring that the public has education about the process of genocide and the horrific ends that can come to pass when signs are ignored and intolerance breeds should be of utmost importance to the state. We have seen an unfortunate uptick in hate crimes and antisemitism in recent years and the State of Texas should be increasing funding to the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission to help decrease incidents of hate-based crimes, not trying to eliminate it.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: This program is something truly necessary and should continue to be funded. I highly suggest everyone on the review board and the individuals slated to vote on this speak with one of the Holocaust survivors still living in Texas before voting.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree