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Sent: Monday, April 09, 2018 1:07 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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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 intern working towards full licensure, and a member of the American Counseling Association (ACA), the world's largest organization representing professional counselors in various practice settings.

ACA and the Texas Counseling Association (TCA) support the Texas Sunset Commission findings that “the boards are acting in good faith and have made notable strides in addressing the previously identified problems...However, significant problems and challenges remain that cannot be resolved within the current structure” and “the continued administrative attachment of the marriage and family therapy, professional counseling and social work boards to a large agency...is still not working...The dysfunction created by such a model places the livelihoods of licensees in jeopardy and puts the public at risk.

The consolidated agency [TSBEMFT, TSBEP, TSBSWE and TSBEP] structure of the Behavioral Health Executive Council presents the best approach to align the regulation of these behavioral health professions and elevate the attention and oversight of these programs.

I also support more efficient and effective regulation of these professions - this will not only provide improved services and increased responsiveness to licensees but will also better protect behavioral health care consumers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the executive council be composed of one public member appointed by each of the four boards and an independent presiding officer appointed by the governor.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree