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Agency: ANATOMICAL BOARD STATE TEXAS

First Name: Thomas

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

Dear Members of the Texas Sunset Commission:

I'm writing this letter to unequivocally oppose the abolition of the State of Texas Anatomical Board (SAB).

As you're well aware, the SAB provides vigilant oversight of all 11 Willd Body Programs (WBP) within Texas, along with the activities of all educational, research, and medical skill training labs and facilities within the state that utilize donor bodies or anatomical specimens donated through one of these WBPs. The SAB is also currently involved in regulating the growth of commercial WBPs within the state.

Abolishment of the SAB will lead to no centralized regulation of WBPs within this state, allow the commercial WBPs to operate without any regulation or oversight, and may lead to an unintended consequence of the educational institutions coming into competition with one another in order to acquire the number of donor individuals to necessary meet their educational and research obligations. My institution follows the regulations and standards delineated by the SAB to ensure that all cadaver and cadaver specimens utilized in educational, research and training activities are managed appropriately and with the utmost respect and dignity. The SAB is referenced 8 times in the policy document that regulates the ethical use of human cadavers in research, education and training activities within our institution.

It is of paramount importance that our facility and all other facilities within the State of Texas are maintained and operated in a proper manner that is befitting the individuals who donate their bodies to further our educational, research, and skill training activities. I can't imagine how any facility would manage the ethical and appropriate utilization of cadavers without the oversight of the SAB. I believe that it is factual to state that there is a far greater number of adverse events involving WBPs and the use and transport of cadavers seen in states without a centralized governing body compared with those states such as Texas that do have such an attentive organization. There are certainly other concerns and problems that could arise without the centralized regulation of WBPs and the watchful management of cadavers it provides to educational, research and medical training institutions.

Thank you for your consideration of my concerns and your thoughtful deliberation of this critical issue.

Respectfully,

Thomas G. Sutlive

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: DO NOT abolish the Anatomical Board of the State of Texas

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree