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To: Sunset Advisory Commission <Sunset@sunset.texas.gov>
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: DEPARTMENT PUBLIC SAFETY DPS

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

Issue 2 Border Security Performance — agree AND more to be done, see comments

*Forty percent of crime guns sold to Mexico come from Texas. There is not evidence that DPS has a focus on stopping this deadly Texas export issue.

*The Sunset staff report the importance of measuring the return on investment on DPS border related staffing. I would encourage the analysis to include a return on investment comparison between (a) border security and (b) promoting gun safety and analyzing firearm-related crimes to target interventions.

Issue 4 Nonstandard Regulatory Processes — Agree more needs to be done—see comments

*In relation to firearm safety and handgun licensing, I could not agree more.

*Handgun licensing demonstrates the deficient regulatory information.
Different # of LTC complaints from three different sources at DPS.

*License to Carry issues referred to Criminal Investigation Division 37, no investigations. Error or danger.

*In the DPS Self-Evaluation Report, DPS indicates that for FY 2016, of the 3,575 regulated entities, 21 were inspected. This lack of inspection is a danger to public safety.

*The DPS Self-evaluation report and the Sunset staff report indicate that there is no central repository of complaints against regulated persons or entities in handgun licensing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

DPS mission, vision, motto, etc. include protecting Texans including being proactive.

<https://www.dps.texas.gov/mission.htm>

InTGS recommends that DPS become proactively engaged in gun safety promotion, including suicide prevention, for example:

Develop, regularly update, and publicize significant content on gun safety on the DPS website, other social media, through public service announcements, roadway messaging, community involvement programs, etc. For example, I follow the official DPS Twitter site and there is never a message about gun safety. For DPS to live up to its mission in providing education about gun safety, the costs will be low as adapting information from others states is possible, using existing staff to do social media and other messaging.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree