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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Todd

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Title: Licensed Professional Counselor

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose Recommendation 3.2 that the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker licensing boards be reconstituted as advisory committees at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Unlike the other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2, Licensed Professional Counselors, Marriage and Family Therapists and Social Workers must hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please keep these licensing boards intact and functioning as they currently are.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree