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Your Comments or Concerns: I am concerned that changing the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors as well as the Marriage and Family Therapist and Social Worker licensing boards being reconstituted as advisory committees at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation will lead to less effective services to all those that we serve. Given the work that counselors do, there is a unmistakable need for strict licensing requirements. Those who choose the profession, and meet the standards of the Board are aware of specific standards that have to be met to be licensed.

Without this board, it is likely to result that there will be more lenient standards, which I believe, would be catastrophic to our public mental health.

Your Proposed Solution: It would be a simple solution to avoid trying to fix something that isn't broken. Allow the profession to be regulated by those who are educated and experienced in the field. To lower the standards of a regulating board is to lower the standards of those "professionals" it produces.

My Comments Will Not Be Made Public: I agree