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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing to express grave concerns of the Sunset Commission to consolidate regulatory functions in Texas at the Texas Department of Licensure and Regulation. Having an agency with no experience with mental and behavioral health care providers will lack the insight needed to adequately regulate mental health providers. This raises risks of counselors and therapists losing their license and livelihood dealing with an entity that is less likely to understand the mental health profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Include mental health professionals on the Sunset Commission or keep the current licensing board for mental health professionals.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree