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Mr. Ken Levine
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Sunset Advisory Commission of Texas
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Dear Mr. Levine:

Thank you for your invitation to review and comment upon your recent Staff Study on the Self-Directed, Semi-Independent (SDSI) Status of State Agencies. TBAE staff has reviewed the study carefully, and we commend your staff for issuing a thoughtful and well-crafted report.

Regarding the Recommendations made in the study, we generally do not object to those affecting this agency. We feel that increased oversight and reporting requirements, crafted to be reasonable and feasible, will do nothing other than bolster the State's confidence that its SDSI agencies are operating according to the wishes of the Legislature.

Our only potential concerns are with the details of how legislation might be written and implemented—which is to say, our concerns lie outside the scope of your study. TBAE would hope that the scope of the proposed increased oversight is reasonable and mindful of the legislative intent of SDSI, and that the cost of the increased oversight is not so high that it would seriously impact agency finances. We hope that proposed legislation would not adversely affect the Board's ability to balance our annual budget.

Again, our only concerns are not related to the study itself. As always, we look forward to providing your staff with any data or information you may require, and we urge you to contact us if we can be of any help.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Glenn Garry', is written over the typed name and title. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.

Glenn Garry
Interim Executive Director