



Texas Organization of Nurse Executives  
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Ken Levin, Director  
Sunset Advisory Commission  
1501 North Congress Avenue  
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Robert E. Johnson Building  
Austin, Texas 78701

Dear Mr. Levin and Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission:

The Texas Organization of Nurse Executives (TONE) is in full support of the Texas Board of Nursing Sunset Review recommendation to sunset the grandfather clause that allows Excelsior College, an out-of-state online program, to operate without adhering to nursing education standards in Texas. We believe that all Schools of Nursing in Texas should be required to adhere to the standards established and enforced by the Texas Board of Nursing.

Sincere regards,

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