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To whom it may concern on behalf of The Sunset Commission:

While I agree with some recommendations made from The Sunset Commission, I am concerned with the recommendation to eliminate all councils during this time. There may currently be too many committees across all related agencies, but some councils can serve a good purpose during a very concerning time in health care in Texas.

HHSC is a sizable enterprise, and considering the current state of health care and ambiguous future, we need support groups in place to help with the checks and balances. I think less committees can be a positive thing, but I also believe there should be sufficient councils in place with appropriate governing power to help guide, reward when deliverables are met and make adjustments when there are short comings.

Dismantling all committees in a swipe during a highly volatile time will likely include losing great people (on the council and staff at HHSC and related agencies) at a time when we desperately need valuable assets. This could also lead to a higher volume of mistakes, lesser quality of service, more liabilities, and major consequences as a result.

Thank you for reaching out to me and for giving me a voice on this matter. I hope this email is both helpful and closely considered.

Regards,

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