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Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS STATE BOARD EXAMINERS MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

First Name: Beverly

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Title: Mental Health Professional

Organization you are affiliated with: Private Practice

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I do not support the MFT, SW, LPC Boards going under the TDLR. These are licensed professionals with a Bachelor's, Master's degree, or PhD. These are educated and trained professional who are required to meet many licensure requirements, continued education, and financial cost. These Boards protect the public with the process, such as, Ethics Committee. These Boards are responsible to the State and the public. The Board Members work extremely hard to follow all the rules and help people. Due to responsibilities and thousands of licensees the Boards should remain as independent boards, not advisory boards. The licensees bring a lot of money to the State through application fees, license fees, and re-licensure fees. Who or what will be responsible for the collection of fees and proper placement of such fees?. Professionals who chose to achieve an extended education for the purpose of helping others don't deserve to be abandoned by The State that they support so much!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: As a former eleven year member of the Texas State Board of Marriage and Family Therapist, the boards must regulate, oversee, and cooperate with a State Agency for the reasons mentioned above. The License Standard Committee reviews and listens to those wanting to be a Mental Health Professional in our great State. This Committee and the Rules Committee make modifications, as needed to comply with laws, rules of the State, or National Organizations. The Board members are not paid for their services, with exception of expenses. The Board members are dedicated in helping their licensees be better at their profession and again protect the public. I feel that a separate Agency with all mental health professions, MFT, SW, LPC, LCDC, and Psychologist be under a separate agency or a branch of Health and Human Services. The Boards need to offer more services to licensees, not less services.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree