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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Agency: TEXAS DEPARTMENT LICENSING AND REGULATION

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Dear Sunset Committee,

I am a licensed polygraph examiner in Texas and have been since 2006. I am the current President of the Texas Association of Polygraph Examiners.

I recently learned that our industry is being considered by the Sunset Commission.

As you know, sexual offenders submit to exams during supervision as ordered by district and federal courts. My ultimate concern is that untrained "examiners" will be utilized to ensure community safety as it pertains to the behaviors of sexual offenders in the community. Many sexual offenders continue to offend against young citizens with no voice in this system.

We are often the only voice for rape victims, abused children, and the falsely accused. Examiners work closely with detectives and police agencies throughout the state to help exonerate the innocent and hold accountable the guilty. Citizens submitting to exams in Texas often blindly trust that examiners are capable and experienced. With the removal of the law, there would be no established minimum standard or regulations preventing uneducated/untrained "examiners."

Sun-setting Polygraph would be a travesty.

Thank you for your consideration,

Clayton Wood

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Increase our fees. Do whatever necessary to keep a license for this occupation. It is imperative that we not trust

unlicensed and untrained individuals to do this job.

Thank you

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree