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Sunset Advisory Commission

Attn: Jennifer Jones

RE: SML

P.O. Box 13066 Austin, **TX** 78711

To Whom It May Concern:

On May 23, 2018, I submitted comments to the Sunset Advisory Commission regarding my opposition to the Sunset Commission's recommendation to consolidate it into the larger Department of Banking. Upon review, I realized that some of my comments could be misunderstood. To avoid any confusion, I would like to revise and extend my remarks on the subject as follows:

As a small business-owner doing business in the State of Texas, I am writing in support of the Texas Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending (TDSML), and in opposition of the Sunset Commission's recent recommendation to collapse it into the larger Department of Banking.

In our business, we serve lower income Texans by facilitating the process for them to become property owners and hopefully, ultimately, homeowners. Our focus is on families and properties that have been passed over by traditional lending institutions. Because of this, we are concerned with a "one-size-fits-all" approach to our industry, from both a business perspective as well as from that of the consumer. Our industry is not a large, powerful, politically connected institution; we are individuals and small business owners serving a need in our community. We are not bankers; depositories; mortgage brokers; money servicers; and we do not sell our loans on the secondary market and we are very concerned with the possibility of being regulated as such.

Moreover, residential mortgage transactions – with or without a domicile – are already subject to the Texas Secure & Fair Enforcement for Mortgage Licensing Act of 2009, which gives the State of Texas purview in its enforcement of the Federal Safe Act. Like so many federal laws, it requires pre-clearance by the Consumer Federal Protection Bureau (CFPB).

Because of these concerns, I strongly believe that the structure and current portfolio assignments of the Finance Commission and its constituent agencies remain "as is," with the specific continuation of the Department of Savings and Mortgage Lending as the state regulator for owner financiers.

Respectfully,

Enedelia Woodward

President

Vista Management Nellie@vistahc.com From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Since the last Sunset Review, the Legislature has systematically expanded the regulatory function of the TDSML, and concentrated mortgage regulation within that Department. The Legislature has elected to transfer some mortgage regulator functions from the Office of Consumer Credit Commission to the TDSML, causing that agency to have the most experienced examiners, licensing personnel, and other staff related to the mortgage industry,

especially in regard to non-depository mortgage lenders, such as owner financiers.

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Not at this time. Thank you.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree