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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

I oppose Recommendation 3.2 of the Texas Sunset Commission that the Texas State Board of Examiners of Professional Counselors be reconstituted as an advisory committee at the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation for the following reason:

Unlike the other professions recommended for transfer to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation in Recommendation 3.2, Licensed Professional Counselors must hold advanced graduate degrees and are considered Health Professions under Texas law. None of the occupations currently licensed by TDLR are required to hold even a bachelor's degree. The impact of LPCs on the health and safety of the clients they serve mandates the oversight of an independent regulatory board that includes experienced licensed professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I have no alternative or new recommendations on this agency.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree