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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Organization you are affiliated with: City of Schertz

City: Schertz

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am speaking for myself as a licensed code enforcement officer and strongly oppose the recommendation by the Sunset Committee to eliminate the registration and licensing program for Code Enforcement Officers. How can the Committee say that code enforcement is "not critical in ensuring public welfare". Those on the committee must not fully understand what we do to ensure and advocate for their welfare. This program is not only critical to local government and the public health, safety and welfare of citizens and taxpayers in our community but to the State of Texas as a whole. There are so many aspects of public health and welfare that are provided for by the adoption of state and local building and property maintenance codes that ensure quality of life and a safe environment for the public to live, work and play. Without Code Enforcement, who will make certain that these quality of life needs are met? The Committee says that "the shrinking resources of the DSHS" is the reason behind their proposal to eliminate the Code Enforcement Program. If so, the State needs to focus more on how they are spending tax payer dollars and appropriately invest in the staff necessary to fulfill these programs rather than compromise the public welfare by eliminating the program.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: State needs to focus more on how they are spending tax payer dollars; appropriately invest in the staff and their training necessary to fulfill these programs rather than compromise the public welfare by eliminating the program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree