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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Anne

Last Name: Way

Title: President

Organization you are affiliated with: Houston Association for Marriage and Family Therapy

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: We have a petition signed by 32 professionals with various licenses that include LCSW, LMFT, LPC, Psychologist and graduate level interns. Our Houston professional organization represents well over 200 area clinicians who are well trained and adhere to high professional standards. We share a serious concern that the public is at risk should these changes move forward.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Include all disciplines who are considered health professionals under Texas Law and hold advanced degrees to have a voice in how their professions are regulated.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree



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FAX TRANSMITTAL COVER SHEET

DATE 6-20-14  
TO Senator Jane Nelson (Sunset Advisory)  
FAX # 512-463-0705  
FROM Anne Way LMFT, LAC  
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COMMENTS  
URGENT: OPPOSITION  
TO RECOMMENDATION 3.2

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June 13, 2014

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We are hopeful that you will keep our concerns in mind when you are considering Recommendation 3.2.

Sincerely,

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