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Mr. Ken Levine  
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Dear Mr. Levine:

Thank you for your recent letter requesting input on the Sunset Staff Report on the Texas Historical Commission as submitted to the Sunset Advisory Commission. Comments on Sunset Staff recommendations for Issues 1 and 2 of the report are as follows:

**ISSUE #1 – Key Recommendation: Direct THC to establish a working group with representation from necessary stakeholders to begin to develop a statewide historic sites master plan.** – The General Land Office (GLO) has no recommendations or proposed modifications. The GLO will gladly participate in such a working group with other agencies and stakeholders as directed by the Legislature.

**ISSUE #2 – Key Recommendations:**

- 2.1. Align statutory requirements for the sale of surplus state goods with curatorial collection best practices.** -- The General Land Office has no recommendations or proposed modifications. The GLO will gladly participate with other agencies and stakeholders as directed by the Legislature.
- 2.2. The House Appropriations and Senate Finance Committees should consider adding a rider to the bill pattern of any agency with an officially adopted deaccession policy to retain proceeds from the sale of deaccessioned items.** -- The General Land Office agrees with this recommendation.
- 2.3. Direct agencies with a curatorial collection and deaccession policy to work with the Texas Facilities Commission to sell unneeded collections items.** -- The General Land Office has no recommendations or proposed modifications. The GLO will gladly participate with other agencies and stakeholders as directed by the Legislature.
- 2.4. Direct THC and TPWD to work with the Texas Facilities Commission to explore options for a joint curatorial facility to serve the needs of the state's historic sites collections.** – This recommendation is not directed at the General Land Office, therefore GLO has no response.

**2.5. Direct THC and TPWD to develop an MOU to limit duplication in management of historic sites related to curatorial storage facilities, procurement and contracting, and preservation and interpretation** – This recommendation is not directed at the General Land Office, therefore GLO has no response.

Thank you again for the information and the opportunity to provide comment. Please do not hesitate to contact the GLO again at any time if you have any questions or if you require any additional information.

Regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Jeff Gordon". The signature is written in a cursive style with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Jeff Gordon  
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