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Staff Recommendation 1.1 Abolish TYC and TJPC and transfer their functions to a newly created state agency, the Texas Juvenile Justice Department, with a sunset date of 2015.

I am board certified in juvenile law and practice law in Harris County, the largest county in the state of Texas. I oppose the idea of abolishing TJPC and combining services with the Texas Youth Commission into one agency. Yes, the Texas Youth Commission has had their problems, but they have also done some good. A number of kids have left TYC with their head on straight, and with goals for their future. Our probation department in Harris County does a wonderful job of providing services for our youth. Through the guidance, resources, and training of the TJPC, Harris County Probation has been able to provide our kids with the best services available. TJPC has also provided those same services to attorneys practicing juvenile law. Our Juvenile Law Conference is the main source of training for attorneys.