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From: Linda Britton
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To: Sunset
Subject: Staff Recommendation 1.1

Dear Commission members:

I am writing regarding Staff Recommendation 1.1, to 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 oppose the recommendation abolishing TJPC and combining services with TYC into one agency. We receive excellent services from TJPC and abolishing that agency does not serve the public or the state's youth in any way. TYC serves a distinctly different function and needs to be reformed from within, but its purpose is absolutely mandatory. We must have state facilities for those children who we cannot serve at the county level.

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