

**RESPONSE TO THE
SUNSET COMMISSION RECOMMENDATIONS**

Date: December 10, 2008

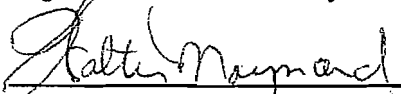
To: Sunset Commission Members

The Sunset Commission staff completed their analysis of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and Texas Youth Commission and released their recommendations on November 11, 2008.

In their report, the Sunset Commission staff recommended the elimination of the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission and the Texas Youth Commission and the creation of a new agency to be called the Texas Juvenile Justice Department effective September 30, 2009.

I as County Judge and Chairman of the Juvenile Board of Somervell County strongly disagrees with the recommendation of the Sunset Commission staff in this regard and believes that such action would not be in the best interests of the citizens of the State of Texas nor would such action further the stated goals of the Juvenile Justice System. The Juvenile Board of Somervell County would request that the Sunset Commission reject the recommendations of the Sunset Commission staff and that the Commission members recommend to the Legislature that the Texas Juvenile Probation Commission continue to be a separate state agency.

Signed this the 10th day of December, 2008.



**Walter Maynard, County Judge
Chairman of the Juvenile Board**