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To the Members of the Sunset Advisory Commission:

As a former member of the Texas House of Representatives; as one of the House joint sponsors of the enabling legislation (S.B. 482, 81<sup>st</sup> Leg.) that created the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission (THGC); as former Speaker Joe Straus' appointed House "advisor" to the THGC (2011-2016); and as a member of the THGC (May 10, 2017 to present), I want to thank each of you for considering: 1) continuing the THGC, and 2) recommending that the House and Senate adopt measures that will clarify the extent and scope of the THGC's express and implied advisory and executive functions, and, in turn, improve and enhance the operations, effectiveness and efficiency of this valuable and important State entity.

I believe that the Texas Holocaust and Genocide Commission has done an outstanding job for the students, educators and general public of this State, and that with needed guidance from the Sunset Advisory Commission and the Legislature, it will continue to do so.

Sincerely,

The Honorable Elliott Naishtat