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Members,

For the Sunset Commission to be successful, the House and Senate must work together to review and reauthorize our state agencies each cycle, and with the challenges of COVID-19, having a cohesive legislature is more important than ever. As you know, the Sunset Commission functions differently than standing committees of the House and Senate, and our responsibilities during the interim are critical to the legislative process.

The Sunset Commission relies on meaningful public testimony to guide it through each agency review. We recognized the Sunset Commission would potentially be the test case in the legislature for both in-person hearings and virtual testimony, and we were prepared for the challenges this presented. Following our meeting last Tuesday, it was clear that we do not have consensus on virtual meetings.

While our meeting scheduled on August 19, 2020 was intended to have in-person, invited testimony only, I have already received feedback from individuals not comfortable showing up in person to testify before the Commission. Therefore, due to the risk and uncertainty of these times, the August 19 meeting has been canceled.

Sunset Commission staff will continue to complete the reviews and reports for each of the agencies scheduled this cycle. My staff and I will continue to work with interested parties, state agencies, and the Commission to successfully complete our duties.

Should you have any questions please do not hesitate to reach out.

Respectfully,

John Cyrier
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