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To whom it may concern,

My name is Habeeblai Adewale, I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy practicing in Houston, Texas (in an Outpatient hospital setting). I am also a board certified Orthopedic Clinical Specialist in Physical Therapy. Furthermore, I am involved in a post-graduate fellowship for Manual and Orthopedic Physical Therapy.

My correspondence today, as many other Physical Therapists will send your way, is in opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE. I believe consolidation of this board is NOT in the best interest of the consumers of Physical Therapy: which includes my family members, your family members, the pediatric population, patients in hospital after traumas, athletes- both professional and amateur, geriatrics (my parents and your parents), any human being that has ever had low back pain, neck pain, knee pain, sprained an ankle, had a stroke, or a spinal cord injury.

The TDLR Commissioners do not possess the specific medical knowledge and experience to make decisions that affects millions of physical therapy consumers. Conversely, the TBPTE is a cost-efficient board that currently consists of members of our profession, and are primarily in charge of protecting our patients and consumers of our products. Consolidation of this board will not only prove more costly, but could potentially be dangerous for consumers if the decision making body is comprised of individuals with whom sufficient knowledge of our profession, how to protect our patients, and deliver best care does not reside.

As an independent practitioner, a tax-paying resident of Texas, a consumer, and a provider of physical therapy, I am hereby strongly stating my opposition to consolidation and I am strongly in favor of *retaining the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years--as was recommended on by the Sunset staff*.

Thanks,

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