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To Whom it May Concern:

Sunset Commission is proposing that the Texas Physical Therapy Board be combined with the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation (TDLR). I urge you to consider **against** this decision. The current Physical Therapy Board is comprised of physical therapists who are the most qualified individuals to make decisions regarding the practice physical therapy in Texas. If the board is combined with the TDLR, individuals from unrelated professions who do not have a full understanding of the nature and scope of physical therapy practice will be making decisions on how therapists can practice.

It would be in the best interest of patients for the practice of physical therapy to be overseen by those who have the most knowledge and experience in this domain. The Physical Therapy Board has proven itself to be effective for many years in regulating the practice of physical therapy in Texas. Once again, I ask you to allow the board to remain as it has been so that it may best protect the interests of patients in Texas.

Warm regards,  
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