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I am George Asous a doctor of physical therapy. I have been practicing 4 years in an out patient orthopaedic and sports medicine clinic.

I oppose the consolidation of TBPTE into the TDLR. The TBPTE is a cost effective and proficient entity. The TDLR will cost more and reduce the quality and safety of PT practice as the person potentially overseeing our profession in the TDLR will not have the same background education in health care.

This will overall drive costs up and reduce quality of care in an already broken and deficient health care system. Help us to retain our dignity as a profession and oppose the consolidation of TBPTE into the TDLR for 12 more years.

This was the original recommendation from the sunset review.

Thank You.

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