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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am Reagan Atkinson, SPT currently in my 2nd year of physical therapy school at the University of Texas Medical Branch in Galveston, and a soon to be practicing PT, DPT in the state of Texas. I submit this on behalf of myself as a soon to practicing physical therapist.

I am in Support of the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. The 2011-2016 Texas State Health Plan states that the supply ratio of physical therapists in Texas have consistently lagged behind the national average. The Licensure Compact could answer the demand for physical therapy needs in Texas by allowing licensees in a compact member state to utilize "compact privilege" to practice in Texas more easily without having to obtain and maintain a Texas licensee. The Licensure Compact could increase the number of physical therapy providers in Texas, and improve the provider ratio to an adequate margin. This would allow patients to receive quality care that they may have not had prior, and in a more timely manner. The Physical Therapy Licensure Compact will be enacted once ten states adopt the compact. Those states will be invited to draft the regulations governing the compact, and Texas would be well-served if it were amongst the ten.

I oppose the recommendation to strip the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) away from the TPTA and TBPTE. I also oppose the recommendation to remove the TBPTE's authority to delegate continuing competence entities in the future. CCAP is a collaborative program between TBPTE and TPTA. This program utilizes 109 doctoral trained physical therapy professionals in 22 specialty areas to review and evaluate each continuing competency course to ensure that the courses meet Board-designated standards. By doing so, CCAP protects the public by ensuring that licensees' knowledge and clinical skills are kept current with professional standards. TBPTE chose to collaborate with TPTA because of its ability to provide licensees with relevant, best-practice information and clinical skill updates in a cost effective manner. As a future PT devoted to a lifetime of learning, I firmly believe that the quality of care I provide for my patients will depend heavily on having access to

continuing education courses that teach skills that are current and evidence based. I sincerely hope to have access to these courses so I may strive for excellence in my professional practice.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree