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From: Laura
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Sunset Advisory Commission,

I'm writing on behalf of the physical therapy profession in Texas being consolidated under TDLR with other professions that are completely unrelated to this profession. This would be a severe detriment to our profession and take us back several steps. We have been able to move towards a doctoring profession in the last 8 years by progressing our entry-level programs to Doctorate degrees. We need a licensing entity that can meet the needs of our profession and its development for the betterment of the profession but more importantly, the consumers and patients that we treat. Our licensing entity allows us to ensure we are providing the best care and progressing appropriately as the consumers of Texas need. If we are part of a larger entity with other professions that are not medical in nature, there will be a large disconnect between what the consumers, people like you and your family, need and what our profession will be able to provide as the medical field continues to change to the demands of each coming generation. You wouldn't look at putting physicians under this licensing entity and it's not appropriate to put doctoring medical professionals in it as well. I know you want to do what's best for the citizens of Texas and we are citizens too. We are excited about where our profession is going and we need to continue with the licensing entity we have because they know where we've been.

Thank you so much for your time. I know you will see that we don't belong under TDLR.

Sincerely,
Dr. Laura Austin, PT