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## Good Morning,

I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy and I am writing with concerns regarding the consolidation of TBPTE into the TDLR. I work in a hospital based outpatient clinic and I have been a practicing PT for 10 years.

I am opposed to the consolidation to TDLR for the following reasons:

- Our current state boardi s managed by those with healthcare experience and knowledge who can help make decisions regarding hands on patient care.
- They have been integral in helping to assist with any questions that arise regarding our practice act and rules/regulations.
- TThe current system is cost-effective, very organized, well managed, easily accesible to the clinicians.
- Physical Therapy is now a doctoral level profession with increased direct access autonomy in many states. It is necessary to continue to have a specific board designated to our progression and is growing advancements.
- It concerns me that the TDLR will not be equipped to manage all of our needs as a PT profession, being that they regulate several other professions.

Please consider these concerns in your upcoming decision.

Thank you for your time. Dr. Antoinette Avery, PT, DPT Cypress Fairbanks Sports Medicine