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Members of the Commission:

My name is Doug Bartels and I have practiced Physical Therapy in the state of Texas for 22 years. I am currently the program director for a PTA program.

I am writing to express my strong opposition the consolidation of the TBPTE. The TBPTE should be left as an independent board as recommended by the Sunset staff. The consolidation of the TBPTE would place individuals who have minimal understanding of physical therapy and the complex patient/therapist relationship in the role of judging practice decisions. The consolidation decision would negatively impact the profession and patient safety. I have always believed my peers would be the best judge of my practice decisions. The TBPTE has been there when I have ethical questions and I trust that I am receiving guidance from someone who understands the practice act and the complex nature of patient care. I would lose that confidence if the TBPTE was consolidated and I feel patient safety could be compromised.

Also the TBPTE has been a well-managed entity. They have provided a quality service and been cost efficient. The consolidation would increase the cost, and decrease the quality of service provided. This would seem counter productive as I would imagine one of purposes of the consolidation was to save money.

Again I would like to emphasize my opposition to the consolidation and encourage the commission to carefully consider the ramifications.

Thank you for your consideration.

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