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From: Maggie Bates  
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 12:30 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Opposition to Consolidation of TBPTE into TDLR

Good afternoon,

My name is Maggie Bates, and I am soon to be a physical therapist practicing in the state of Texas. I recently finished my didactic and clinical education at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, and will graduate as a Doctor of Physical Therapy in December. I will be continuing my education as an Orthopedic Resident at UTSW while living and practicing in Dallas for the next year.

I send this email in opposition of the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years. If TBPTE is consolidated into TDLR, patients in the state of Texas are likely to receive low quality healthcare as TDLR commissioners are not all qualified health professionals with extensive education regarding hands on patient care. Consolidation under TDLR also makes little sense financially. In contrast, the TBPTE has proven to be cost effective, safe, and proficient in overseeing physical therapy in the state of Texas in the past. Under the TBPTE, physical therapists will continue to be held to the highest standards of patient safety and care.

I appreciate your time and hope you consider the points I have made above in opposition of the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR. Please contact me if you have any questions or if I can be of help in any other way.

Respectfully,

Maggie Bates