From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 9:38 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Maggie

Last Name: Bates

Title: Student Physical Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: N/A

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City: Dallas

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: My name is Maggie Bates, and I am a third year Physical Therapy student at UT Southwestern Medical Center in Dallas, Texas. I write this representing only myself as a student physical therapist in support of the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. This arrangement would enable PT's and PTA's to cross state lines without encountering state-based licensure barriers and thus lead to improved patient care. I oppose the recommendation to take away the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) program administration from the TPTA and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE), and I also oppose the recommendation to remove the law that would prohibit the TBPTE from engaging in any future similar arrangements. CCAP involves a wealth of doctorally trained Physical Therapy professionals that represent more than 20 medical specialty areas. In addition, CCAP uses a double blind professional review process and ensures public protection.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: none

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree