From: Alyson Beck Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 3:07 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission Subject: Comments on Sunset Health Licensing Consolidation Project

Dear Sunset Advisory Commission-

I am a second year Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University in Houston, Texas. I am reaching out to strongly oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

The TBPTE is currently functioning in a cost-effective and efficient manner, and consolidation into the TDLR will undermine patient safety and result in more costly care. Additionally, TDLR commissioners will not have the appropriate medical knowledge or experience to make decisions regarding the scope of physical therapy practice.

While I am a proud Houston, Texas resident, if the TBPTE does not retain its independence as a state agency, I will likely seek clinical education and ultimately employment in other states where physical therapy practice will be dictated by a board of physical therapists.

Thank you for your careful consideration of this matter.

Sincerely, Alyson Beck