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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I strongly support the Commissions stance on Issue 1. This has been a rule that has served no purpose. It also carries severe and unwarranted penalties. The fee that is paid serves no purpose and does not ensure public safety in any way. It is strictly a way to increase revenue. I also strongly agree with the Commission's stance on Issue 2. I think that the limitations of the current licensure and the way that it restricts a therapists mobility within the United States does impose unnecessary barriers. I support Texas adopting the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact. I feel the Commission also identified a problem with issue 3. As a PT with 30 years of experience in pediatrics, it can be frustrating to find courses that would be helpful in my practice but not have CE credit attached. Over and over I will find courses that have OT approval and Speech Therapy approval but not PT approval. More and more courses will state that they do not want to deal with the PT approval process. This means that the therapist has to go through the process and pay even more money to try to get the course approved for that individual only. I feel that they are making it too difficult for PT approval to be obtained. This is probably a larger issues for specialty Physical Therapists but still important as these specialties serve specific needs in the community. I hope this issue will be address in the resolution of issue 3.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The only other recommendation might be that minor infractions have an expiration for being reported on a Therapists license. A very egregious offense that truly poses a threat to public welfare should carry a lifetime report.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree