

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
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From: Keith Blasingame
Sent: Sunday, November 27, 2016 7:13 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: TBPTE
Importance: High

To whom it may concern:

I am a Physical Therapist and founder of a physical therapy company that employs over 40 people in Texas. My outpatient orthopedic and neurological offices are in Brazoria and Harris counties and over 14 Physical Therapists are employed. I have a Doctor of Physical Therapy degree and have been practicing in the state of Texas since 1994. I reside in Manvel, on the border of Pearland, in Brazoria county.

Please accept this email as an opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR. I strongly propose that the TBPTE be retained as an independent state agency for the next 12 years as was recommended on multiple occasions by the Sunset staff. There are three reasons why I feel this proposed consolidation is not a good functional idea. First, TBPTE is proven to be a cost-efficient, well managed, and operationally effective state agency. With 20 staff members, TBPTE has proven to be effective. In fact, in Appendix A of the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report on Health Licensing Consolidation Project, it shows that the PT board resolves its complaints in 42% less time than TDLR (127 vs 217 days). Second, TDLR Commissioners do not have the medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands-on" patient care that physical therapists routinely deliver. Last, in the chart Key Problems Shared By Small Health Licensing Boards, it was stated that the PT and OT Board demonstrated 4 of the 8 core issues commonly seen throughout your reviews. Respectfully, I disagree with your assertion on three of these four. I have not seen a lack of consistency of penalties, cost associated with lack of economies of scales, or turnover causing high risk to agency functions.

Respectfully,

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