From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: TBPTE consolidation

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To whom it may concern,

My name is Jennifer Boudreaux and I am a licensed physical therapist in the state of Texas. I have a Doctorate in Physical Therapy, currently live in Pearland, TX and work as a licensed clinician at an outpatient facility in Houston, TX. I am opposed the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and am in favor to retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years. I believe the consolidation of TBPTE into TDLR would be detrimental to the safety of patients in Texas seeking physical therapy services. Currently, the TBPTE is regulated by licensed physical therapists with the medical knowledge and experience for appropriate and safe care of patients seeking physical therapy, as well as high standards of patient care. Also, maintaining the TBPTE would appear to be more cost-efficient and operate more effectively under the regulation of licensed physical therapists. Again, I please ask that the TBPTE remain as the licensing agency and not be consolidated into the TDLR.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Boudreaux, PT, DPT