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To whom it may concern:

I hope this message finds you well. My name is Nicole Brill and I am a practicing physical therapist here in Texas. I am writing this letter to express my concern about the potential consolidation of our Physical Therapy board with the TDLR. The TDPTE has been proven to be a cost-efficient, operationally effective, and well-managed state agency. They have been doing such a great job that it was recommended for the TBPTE to remain an independent state agency for the next twelve years by the Sunset staff. My biggest concern about the potential consolidation would be the loss of our voice. The required degree for an entry level physical therapist is now a Doctor of Physical Therapy. Our education now prepares us to make appropriate decisions based on the latest evidence as well as provide exceptional "hands on" patient care. If the consolidation were to take place, the TDLR would become the ultimate decision makers and they do not fully understand our profession. Besides the loss of our voice in our profession, the consolidation will cost more, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas.

Please, take the time to listen to our voices and do not consolidate the TDPTE with the TDLR.

Regards,
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