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**Comments on Sunset Commission Healthcare Consolidation Proposal  
November 29, 2016**

To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Steven A. Brooks and I am a resident of El Paso, Texas. I recently retired as a police officer after having served the citizens of El Paso for 23 years. I am married and my wife and I currently own and run an outpatient physical therapy facility where the focus is on the care of those fighting Parkinson's Disease.

I am writing today to let you know that I believe that the Sunset staff proposal to send the Physical Therapy Licensure Board to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR) is a move that is not based on the public's best interest. If the goal is truly to save funds and move in a direction of cost-effective and streamlined organization, this is not the move to make.

1. I am in opposition of the recommendation to send the PT Licensure Board to the TDLR.
2. Our board has shown timely response to complaints as well as thorough investigation. This will simply lead to another delay in the access of the citizens of Texas to physical therapy services.
3. I suggest continued use of the board, AS IS, along with continued need for facility registration which will provide ongoing revenue.

Thank you for the opportunity to offer comments.

Steven A. Brooks  
El Paso, Texas

***I oppose the consolidation of the TBPE into the TDLR and request you retain the***

***TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years---as was recommended on multiple occasions by the Sunset staff***