From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am a physical therapist and have been practicing in the state of Texas for 3 years since the time I arrived from the Midwest in 2013.

I would like to issue a statement of support for the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) join the national Licensure Compact which would allow for licensure reciprocity across state lines. Joining the national Licensure Compact would allow Texas physical therapists to provide care for nearby patients without unnecessary barriers impeding patient needs.

I would also like to issue a statement of opposition to the Sunset Commission's recommendation to strip the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) away from the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) and the TBPTE. The CCAP has been a collaborative effort between the TPTA and TBPTE for many years, successfully ensuring that high-quality, evidence-based continuing education content is available to Texas physical therapists, which then translates to the best possible care for Texas residents. The CCAP review process is thorough and conducted by more than 100 doctoral-trained physical therapy professionals representing 22 distinct specialty practice areas. Additionally, the CCAP utilizes a double-blind review process. I strongly oppose the notion that the CCAP is not capable of proper performance under TPTA and TBPTE oversight.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No further comments.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree