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To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
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From: Rachel Levine
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Rachel Campbell and I am a Master's of Occupational Therapy student who will be graduating from a Texas accredited university in approximately 2 weeks. I live in Houston, TX and upon graduation and passing the National Occupational Therapy Board certification exam, plan to practice in Houston, TX as a licensed and registered occupational therapist. I have obtained a Bachelor's degree and furthered my education by working towards obtaining my Master's degree in Occupational therapy. I have spent countless hours preparing for my education and my future career. Many occupational therapists are working on obtaining their Doctorate degrees in the area of practice and Physical Therapists are now spending their time to obtain an education where an entry level position is a Doctorate of Physical Therapy. I oppose the consolidation of TBOTE/TBPTE into the TDLR. I feel this would be a detriment to the profession and could hurt patient care and patient safety. It is imperative that Occupational Therapists and Physical Therapists alike have a board that has a working knowledge of the profession and can enhance quality of care. TDLR commissions do not have the requisite medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands on" patient care that physical and occupational therapists routinely deliver. TBOTE and TBPTE are cost-effective, operationally effective, and well-managed state agencies. The proposed TDLR consolidation will cost more, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas. Again, I oppose the consolidation of TBOTE/TBPTE into the TDLR.

Best,

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