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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:

My name is Rene Canas; I have been a practicing physical therapist in the state of Texas for 16 years. I practice in a hospital setting, but am writing to you today representing myself, only as a physical therapy professional. I would like to indicate that I support the recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. After reading the report and seeing first hand the lack of therapists available in the state of Texas, I believe this to be an important step in assisting with the shortage of physical therapists in Texas. It would expedite the ability to hire therapists from other parts of the country to immediately fill vacant physical therapy positions. As a manager, I hired a physical therapist who worked in Maryland. She had to wait an additional 2 months for the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) to approve and issue a Texas license. This had an enormous impact on our ability to deliver efficient and effective care to the people my staff and I serve.

On a different topic, I want to indicate my opposition to the recommendation to remove the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) from the TPTA.

This program ensures physical therapists in the state of Texas continuously acquire more knowledge and skills within the profession of physical therapy.

This allows for therapists to remain up-to-date with professional knowledge.

Through the TPTA, the program incorporates physical therapists to scrutinize continued education to ensure it meets standards, in order to improve the profession of physical therapy, which achieves the ultimate goal of protecting the public. If the TBPTE were again to manage the approval of continued education for physical therapists, I fear that non-clinical personnel would not be able to adequately determine whether a course is appropriate, resulting in the profession's inability to maintain a standard that currently meets the goal of protecting the public. Thank you for your time and attention to these most important issues within the physical therapy profession in the great state of Texas. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: To continue to allow the TPTA to administer the

Continuing Competence Approval Program.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree