From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: TBOTE/TBPTE Consolidation

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From: Cheryl Carling

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To Whom it may concern,

I have been a practicing Certified Occupational Therapy Assistant in the state of Texas for the last 19 years in the Public School System. I am very concerned that you are proposing that the TBOTE/TBPTE Boards be consolidated with other state agency's. I respect and appreciate all the different professions but I don't feel their areas of expertise merges well with OTs and PTs areas of expertise. We go to school,. earn CEUs, and work with our clients for totally different things. We need our O/PT Boards to make sure we stay at the highest level of professionalism involving our Continuing Education Requirements, laws, and investigations into complaints. Thank you your consideration. Again I AM OPPOSED to the consolidation of the TBOTE/TBPTE Boards.

Respectfully yours,

Cheryl Carling, COTA