From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Upcoming sunset decision

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Good Morning,

Regarding the upcoming legislation to consolidate the PT and OT boards into the TDLR, I would like to respectfully voice my disagreement. As you have most likely received numerous similar requests, I would like to remind you that all of our families who might need therapy of some sort either now or in the future can be affected by a board who has no real interest in how it should be provided. I have been in practice close to 30 years and have seen the same legislation attempted to be passed using PT as a "generic" term. This means ANYONE who says they provide Physical Therapy can bill for this. Would you be comfortable with anyone who says they have a decision on how to provide patient care? (Especially for what could very well be your family members). I humbly ask that you do NOT consider passing this into law so that each board might continue to address the specific needs of it's current members more effectively.

Thank you for your consideration.

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