

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
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Hi There,

I am a licensed Physical Therapist practicing here in Austin, Texas and specializing in Parkinson's Disease treatment in the outpatient setting. I derive great fulfillment from serving our Central Texas community in this way. I am writing to express my concern about the plan to consolidate the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners into the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation. As I understand it after reviewing the published Sunset Health Licensing Consolidation Project report, consolidating the TBPTE into the TDLR would seriously diminish the specific oversight to practicing Physical Therapists in Texas regarding complex ethical issues of a medical nature that apply to PTs. If this skilled evaluation of complex potential ethical issues of PTs is diminished by placing PT oversight responsibilities on an organization without this specific expertise, then we are risking our patients' welfare. Our ultimate responsibility is to the health and wellbeing of our patients, and I cannot abide any organizational changes that would adversely affect Texas citizens.

Furthermore, the TBPTE is a cost efficient organization and all data points to costs increasing if TBPTE is consolidated into TDLR. As we all know, rising healthcare costs are staggering and we cannot condone anything that would contribute to this trend in our state.

I strongly oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and urge you all to retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years.

Thank you for your consideration,

Jessica Charlton, PT, DPT