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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

My name is Jennifer Chuang and I am a first year student in the Texas Woman's University Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program. I am writing you as a concerned voter and a future professional who is currently undergoing a 3 year doctorate program (that is in addition to my undergraduate degree and two years post-baccalaureate for required pre-requisites). At the end of this thorough education I will take a test to prove that I am in fact an expert of the musculoskeletal system and have the training and knowledge to safely and effectively provide care to patients. After I am licensed I will continue to learn throughout my career through experience and continuing competency courses. This being said, I strongly oppose the recommendation to strip the TPTA of the administrative oversight for Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP). There was a time in the past in which people with no healthcare background had control over approval of the continuing education of physical therapy. They were not qualified to make judgments over the quality or importance of the course or course material. Furthermore they did not have any motivation to be stringent or selective. Not only is there no evidence that the TPTA has not been effective in their current role, but it is only in the best interest of the TPTA ensure that continuing competence courses are appropriate and beneficial to help keep our professionals up to date and develop their knowledge. Physical therapy is an evidence-based practice. It is against the best interest of the public to have a person without the proper background or vested interest be involved in that decision process.

On another note, I strongly support the recommendation for the TBPTA to join the national licensure compact and be a leader in the future of healthcare.

As the Texas Student Delegate, I had the opportunity to travel to the national House of Delegates assembly and meet many students from across the nation including a few who were interested in moving to Texas. Our state has some of the finest healthcare facilities. However, there are future professionals who will be looking to the compact when deciding on whether they want to be licensed in a particular state or not. It is in best interest of the people of the state to be competitive in the ability to recruit the best current and future professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: In place of the recommendation to strip the TPTA of the administrative oversight for CCAP: If there is a reason to be dissatisfied with the current procedure I would suggest that a request be made for the TPTA to make suggestions as to how they may improve current procedures and continue their administrative role rather than such a drastic change that could negatively impact the profession.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree