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From: Danto, Alicia Marie
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Sunset Review Representative,

My name is Alicia Danto, and I am a physical therapist residing in Houston, Texas. As an employee and resident in Harris County, I appeal to you in opposition of the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

As a physical therapist practicing in the state of Texas, it is important to me that our therapists be held to the highest ethical and clinical standards including but not limited to participation in high-quality continuing education and exceptional clinical care. Through the utilization of the TBPTE board, Texas had met and exceeded my expectations by meeting the aforementioned criteria in a cost efficient manner.

While consolidation may seem reasonable to one outside the field of physical therapy, it does not give me confidence as a physical therapist to know that such a high standard of continuing education, clinical care, and evidence-based therapy will continue to be provided. Only a clinician in the field of physical therapy with appropriate knowledge and experience should make decisions regarding the standards and quality of physical therapy in Texas. By allowing these decisions to be made by other clinicians and positions, this can lower the standard of PT practice in our state.

I became a licensed physical therapy in August 2015, and the TBPTE efficiently and cost-effectively provided entry-level testing for my board exam and licensure. Now, I am ready to renew my license over the next year. Since my licensure, I have had the amazing opportunity of continuing my education through a PT residency program, and I feel supported by the clinicians around me who also choose to serve and assist the patients within the Harris County hospital system.

Please consider these requests and do not jeopardize our clients in Harris County or throughout the state of Texas by changing a system that works well. I politely request that you thoughtfully consider the importance of maintaining our board as an independent and efficient entity and oppose consolidation to the TDLR. Thank you for your consideration in this matter.

Sincerely,

Alicia Danto, PT, DPT

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