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

Thank you for the opportunity to provide my personal opinion on this very important matter. I have been a physical therapist for 37 year with the last 22 years in Texas. The Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners has served the public well by enforcing the physical therapy practice act, explaining and updating the rules to reflect contemporary practice, and educate future physical therapists at the university where I teach.

I support the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. I believe it is important to regulate the medical professions for public safety, but limiting practice across state lines limits the benefits to prospective patients, especially in underserved areas. I have practiced in three other states (and Texas twice) and have been required to apply for several state licenses, all based on the same licensure exam. Reciprocity between states would allow PTs and PTAs to move across state lines and serve the public, without delay from the re-licensing process.

I oppose the recommendation to remove the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) program administration away from the Texas Physical Therapy Association and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. I have served as a volunteer reviewer for the CCAP for 10 years. I feel the double-blind process works well to ensure quality education courses and activities are approved, which ultimately promotes public safety. I also oppose the recommendation to remove the statutory authority that would prohibit this type of program in the future.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No additional comments.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree