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To the Sunset Advisory Commission,

My name is Dr. Kelsey DeLave and I have been residency trained to specialize in rehabilitation following neurologic injuries such as stroke, traumatic brain injury, spinal cord injury, multiple sclerosis, amputation and Parkinson's disease. In my second year treating as a physical therapist in the state of Texas, I strongly oppose the recommendation for the PT Licensure Board to be consolidated into the TDLR. I believe the only way to retain the integrity of physical therapy practice is for experienced healthcare professionals who understand the scope of our practice to make decisions about our practice act, the services we provide and how we provide those services to our patients. My patients present with a multitude of impairments including physical, emotional and cognitive deficits which often render them unable to make decisions for themselves. I underwent 3 years of doctoral and one year of residency training in order to be the best possible advocate for my patients, and now I am acting as an advocate for my profession on their behalf. The idea of having individual, who are not physical therapists and do not understand the needs of my patients devastates me to my core. My patients, and their families, have often sustained a life-changing injury and deserve only the most comprehensive and experienced care that we can provide. As a resident and tax payer, I support retaining the PBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years as was recommended on by the Sunset Staff, as it will be more cost effective and will protect the quality of care that I provide and any physical therapy that I may receive in the future.

Thank you so much for your consideration and please feel free to contact me with any questions.

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