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My name is Lucky Denenga and I am a physical therapist in Fort Worth, Texas. I am currently the Director of Therapy Services in a hospital setting and oversee PTs, OTs, SLP, RNs and EPs. I am writing regarding consolidating PT and OT boards under TDLR, a move that I believe is a mistake. The current system set up by the TBPE is effective, efficient, and critical to the autonomy of our professions. Because of the very specific skill sets our therapists have, with many coming into the profession as Doctors of Physical Therapy, it is prudent that we are governed by, and monitored by, people with the medical background that we have. That is the only way we can ensure the safety of our patients, the quality of our work, and maintain the respect of our profession.

The argument that we need to run the different boards like a "corporation" and have everything under one umbrella is erroneous. A corporation is a system in its own right, with people who know what the other hand is doing, with the leaders at the top being fully versed and knowledgeable about what the staff below are doing. Trying to run the different professions in Texas as a corporation is like trying to have a manager at a tire store manage an Emergency room, AND a McDonalds, AND a hair salon, because "we are all one system". They may have managerial experience, but they do not have the knowledge and the hands on skills to manage the people beneath them effectively. You are taking a hundred baskets of eggs and giving them to one person to hold. It's not something one governing body can manage, at least not long term.

The TBPE is effective, it's efficient, it runs as its own corporation with the leaders being well versed in federal, and state compliance rules that are particular to our profession. You are trying to fix something that is not broken. Other governing bodies may need some work, but you are trying to "fix" everyone by potentially harming those that do not need to be "fixed", at least not this way.

This is crucial to our profession. We need to remain autonomous and this move is a step in the wrong direction, undoing a lot of the hard work a lot of therapists have done to grant our professions this autonomy.

I urge you to block this consolidation. I urge you to listen to those who are in the trenches, who have seen the work of TBPE and know the harm that can come from consolidation. I urge you to not use a "one cure for all ailments" approach to the boards in Texas because each board is unique and faces unique challenges. They cannot all be governed by one effectively, efficiently and safely.

Thank You for your time.

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