From: <u>Sunset Advisory Commission</u>

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Opposition to disbanding the TBPTE

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From: Julie Diener

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 9:04 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Opposition to disbanding the TBPTE

Dear Sunset Commission,

I have reviewed the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report regarding the Health Licensing Consolidation Project. I continue to be in opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

By keeping the TBPTE as an independent agency, it is guaranteed to have decision-makers that have requisite medical knowledge and healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands on" patient care that Physical Therapists routinely deliver. From my _26___ years of experience as a practicing PT (and member of the TPTA and APTA,) the TBPTE is a cost efficient, operationally effective and well managed state agency. Consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR will lead to the erosion of my profession, minimizing this specialized field of healthcare services.

Please consider my plea to keep the TBPTE as an independent agency.

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