From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 6:10 AM

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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

First Name: Irenitta

Last Name: Espejon-Ducay

Title: Physical Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: West Houston Medical Center

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

Physical Therapy and Occupational Therapy professions are "hands-on" services that require the skills of the therapists. I oppose the consolidation of TBPTE to TDLR as the commissioners of TDLR may not have the knowledge and clinical expertise that can support and defend the profession. I have been a physical therapist for 27 years and as part of my experience, I enjoyed the autonomy of being able to practice my profession to the best of my experience for the benefit of my patients/clientele.

I appreciate everything that the TBPTE has done for me in support of my integrity as a public health professional. Quality service and safety are the priorities for an effective delivery of public service. TBPTE has been functioning independently and is well-managed and cost-effective agency.

I hope that you will consider my support for TBPTE autonomy. Thank you and more power to you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please leave TBPTE as it is.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree