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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Pablo

Last Name: Estrada

Title: Physical Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: El Paso

State: Texas

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

My name is Dr. Estrada and I am currently an Inpatient Physical Therapist at University Medical Center, the only Level 1 trauma hospital in West Texas. I wanted to write in support of the Sunset commission recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national licensure compact. This is particular important to physical therapist in border regions such as El Paso because it is difficult to provide the healthcare the board region needs when some patients live in New Mexico but are practically neighbors of El Paso. Greater access to healthcare can be achieved by joining the compact.

In addition, I oppose the recommendation to remove the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) program administration away from the TPTA and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and I oppose the recommendation to remove the statutory authority that would prohibit the TBPTE from engaging in any future such arrangements. This is absolutely critical to ensuring patient safety and preventing those who do not have the qualifications or experience as from harming the vulnerable public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would like to see the TBPTE to work on ensuring patient direct access in Texas to also help expand access to physical therapy.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree