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

I'm Rhodora Fontillas. I am a Senior Physical Therapist at MD Anderson Cancer Center. I have been practicing as a PT in Texas for 11 years. I am writing as a physical therapy professional who care for patients who come from all over the U.S. I would like to express my support for the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. As a Senior PT in the foremost cancer hospital in the nation, I see patients from all over the U.S.

and the world. Presently, it is difficult for me to follow up my patients from other states on their home exercise programs when they return to their home state because all states in the US require PT licensure in the state where the patient is domiciled or located. I am currently unable to remotely treat patients in other states (typically by providing recommendations about or modifications to their exercise programs via phone call or electronic mail) because of this restriction. The Licensure Compact will enable me to continue care for my patients without having to go through challenging and often costly, especially for foreign-trained PT graduates, licensure requirements. The Licensure Compact will also help physical therapy professionals who travel with sports teams to practice across state lines.

The Licensure Compact will not only facilitate the practice of physical therapy across compact member-states but more importantly, will improve continuity and efficiency of physical therapy care as well.

Likewise, as a PT professional who cares about providing patients with knowledgeable and competent physical therapy care, I would like to express my opposition to the removal of the administration of the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) from the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE). As it stands now, the CCAP enables highly-qualified physical therapy professionals to review course content of Continuing Education courses. This process ensures that only those courses that meet rigorous standards are offered to physical therapists and physical therapy assistants. The administration of the CCAP by the TPTA protects the public by ensuring that the knowledge and clinical skills of licensed physical therapy professionals are kept current with professional standards. Removing the administration

of the CCAP from the TPTA will remove this protective hedge from substandard or irrelevant Continuing Education courses for physical therapy professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the SAC timely adopt the Licensure Compact and continue the TBPTE's authority to delegate the administration of CCAP to TPTA.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree