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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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

I am Jerri Frazier, manager and Physical Therapist at Frazier Physical Therapy, Ltd. in Silsbee, TX I am only representing myself with these comments. I have practiced Physical Therapy for 38 years.

First, I am writing to ask you to support the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. Physical Therapists that receive their license in Texas, after passing the licensure exam, should have the freedom to move to another state and practice Physical Therapy without enduring the hardship

of another state exam. Also, a Physical Therapist that was licensed in another state should be able to come to Texas and practice without taking another exam. Currently, we have a shortage of available PT's, which as a business owner I am very aware. It would facilitate the hiring of new PT's in Texas with the approval of this arrangement.

Second, I STRONGLY OPPOSE the recommendation to strip the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) away from the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) These organizations have done a fine job for many years upholding the integrity and competency of our profession. Organizations that understand the profession of Physical Therapy should be the ones that are the "watch dogs" of the profession. New graduates of the Physical Therapy programs have their doctorate degrees. With the strong possibility that PT's in Texas will be practicing without referral from the physicians, which has already been approved in most states, this not the time to jeopardize the quality of our continuing education. Keeping the high standards and the proven competency of our current program is very important to me. Please oppose the recommendation to change this very important program.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Keep the current administration of the CCAP program by opposing the change.

Support the recommendation that Texas join national Licensure Compact

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree