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Good evening,

My name is Jennifer Frerich and I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy since 2012. I work at Harris Health System in Houston as a Senior Physical Therapist in outpatient orthopedics and as faculty and mentor in the Orthopedic residency program there. I also serve as adjunct faculty at Texas Woman's University in the entry level Doctorate of Physical Therapy Program. Lastly I am on faculty with OPTIM Manual Therapy Fellowship program which provides specialized continuing education for post graduate PTs.

I serve as the TPTA Secretary and have been following along throughout the Sunset process for TBPTE and was quite surprised and confused by the more recent Sunset recommendation to consolidate the TBPTE into TDLR.

I strongly oppose this consolidation, as I have since the idea first came up. I feel this would be a poor decision for several reasons. First of all the PT board is quite time and cost efficient in managing ourselves. Also, the TDLR Commissioners would likely not have the medical knowledge and healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions regarding PT.

Please keep this in mind as you make your decision regarding retaining TBPTE as an independent state agency.

Respectfully,

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