From: <u>Sunset Advisory Commission</u>

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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

Sent: Thursday, June 23, 2016 5:15 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I have been a PT for 21 years & practicing in Texas for the past 16 years (mainly in the acute hospital setting) after moving here from Louisiana. I support the position that the Tx Board of PT Examiners join the national Licensure Compact to allow reciprocity of PT's & PTA's licenses across state-to-state lines. The demand for therapy healthcare professionals given our increasing geriatric population will be alleviated if PTs & PTAs can travel or move across state lines & immediately start to work where demand is high. I am in opposition to taking the CCAP away from the TPTA & the Texas Board of PT Examiners. The public is truly protected because the CCAP consists of highly collaborative 109 professional, doctoral trained PTs that are representative of 22 medical specialty areas. That's the best program for physical therapy continuing competency to be coming from.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: No

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree