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**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 2:01 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Good afternoon,

My name is Dr. Christopher M Gaines. I am a Physical Therapist currently practicing in League City Texas in an outpatient sports and orthopedic setting and have been practicing for 3 years. I am a Board Certified Clinical Specialist in Sports Physical Therapy, and faculty mentor in Houston Methodist Sugarland Sports and Orthopedic Physical Therapy Residency programs via Satellite at Houston Methodist St John. Also I am a Manual Therapy Fellow-in-Training with OPTIM Orthopedic Manual Therapy Fellowship.

I am emailing to state my opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and humbly ask that we, as a state, retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years.

This is best for Texan patients and for Texas it's self from a monetary standpoint. First and foremost TDLR does not have the requisite medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands-on" patient care that I provide on a daily basis and that millions of Texans receive each year. Secondly, TDLR cost more, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas. TBPTE is a cost-efficient, operationally effective, and well-managed by professionals who understand the current practice of Physical Therapy.

In conclusion Texas cannot allow the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and I humbly ask that we, as a state, retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years.

A Concerned Texas constituent,

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