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As a practicing pediatric Physical Therapist in Abilene, TX for 43 years, I am truly concerned and vehemently opposed to moving our licensing board under the auspices of the TDLR. We must retain an independent state licensing agency for us to competently, professionally practice at the doctoral level. All TX PT students are graduating at the doctoral level and have been for numerous years (Hardin-Simmons University Dept. of PT graduated the first DPT students in 2004). I strongly feel that the TBPTE has our professions' best interests at heart and provides qualified judgments and decisions involving hands-on patient care regarding patient safety and ethical decisions of which payment for services is an important part. As the TBPTE is an individual, cost effective board representing physical therapists, rules and laws are readily and quickly enforced and patient safety insured which will probably be compromised if the TBPTE is consolidated with the TDLR. When we PTs contact the TBPTE, our questions and concerns are immediately addressed! The people in that well managed office are extremely knowledgeable of medical and health care issues, caring and concerned about the welfare of Physical Therapists and those we serve. They listen when we report questionable facts and thoroughly investigate the situation. Mark Turek, chief investigator for the TBPTE, has spoken to classes of PT students throughout the state for many years to insure they know the TBPTE office is there to help them as professionals as well as provide stringent adherence to the laws and rules.

Thank you for your support in opposition of bringing the TBPTE under the TDLR. Physical Therapists are an active group of professionals and deserve to have an independent state licensing agency that will quickly remediate any issues and problems, knowledgeably answer questions, etc.

Sincerely,
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