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Hello Sunset Commission,

I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the recommendation to consolidate the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) into the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR). I am on faculty at the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at UTHSCSA in San Antonio, and have been teaching here for 12 years. Physical therapy is a doctoring profession in Texas, and the TBPTE has done an excellent job at protecting patient safety and promoting the public interest for many years. The sunset commission staff has recognized that the TBPTE is a highly functioning, cost-effective agency and recommended that they continue their independence multiple times, making this current recommendation puzzling and troublesome.

The TDLR is a completely inappropriate oversight agency for Physical Therapy in that they do not have the expertise to determine what is in the best interests of the citizens of Texas in regards to their healthcare. This will drastically reduce the quality of oversight that TBPTE provides. In addition, TBPTE has been recognized over and over again as a high quality, low cost, well managed state agency. This proposed consolidation will endanger patient safety and reduce quality of physical therapy practice in Texas.

Please do not consolidate TBPTE into the TDLR.
Thank you for your consideration,

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