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To the Sunset Commission,

I am a physical therapist practicing in Arlington, TX. In 1998 I graduated from Texas Woman's University with a masters degree in physical therapy. In 2013 I completed my transitional doctorate (tDPT) degree from Texas Tech. I have been practicing for 18 years and my license has been regulated by the Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners for my entire career.

A recent proposal of the Sunset Commission was to consolidate the Executive Council and turn the licensing of my profession over to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation which primarily regulated non-medical fields. Although I commend efforts to improve efficiency and decrease costs the Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners has carried out its mission to "protect the health, safety, and welfare of the people of Texas through the regulation and enforcement of the practices of physical therapy and of occupational therapy" effectively since 1993.

It is my opinion that the commission should vote yes in support of Recommendation 4.1 which is consistent with the commission's original recommendation to retain the Executive Council for an additional 12 years.

Sincerely,
Ethan Gilliam, PT, DPT