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Agency: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I would like to speak in support of the Commission's recommendation that Texas join the Licensure Compact for Physical Therapy. Participating in the licensure compact, as the Sunset Commission has recommended, will help to achieve at least three state benefits.

First of all, we need to allow implementation of the licensure compact in Texas to help increase patient-centered access to physical therapy services.

As a faculty member of the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Texas State University, we continue challenged to provide trained Physical Therapy practitioners to meet the growing demands of an aging population in our state. The Licensure Compact would open opportunities to reduce any impediments to licensure and create an attractive environment for licensed Physical Therapists currently practicing in other states...even those states contiguous to Texas.

In addition, joining the the Physical Therapy Licensure Compact early as one of the first 10 states as the Sunset Commission has recommended presents one very important benefit. The first 10 states who join the Licensure Compact will become part of the governing board for the organization. Currently to my knowledge therefore only three states (Oregon, Tennessee and Arizona) which have signed the Compact with governor approval. Therefore, Texas become part of the decision-making body to help guide future directions of the organization.

Last of all, there are existing Licensure Compact models of success here in Texas to help implement the Physical Therapy licensure compact. For example, it should be noted that there is a Nursing Licensure Compact consisting of 25 states which has been implemented into practice here in Texas since the year 2000. This model of patient care has provided increased patient access to nursing services and allowed innovative models to increase the number of qualified nurse practitioners eligible to practice in Texas.

In conclusion, I welcome to the opportunity to speak in support of the PT Licensure Compact and would also be willing to help facilitate this much needed model of care in our good state of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Explore the Nursing Compact which has be implemented in the state of Texas since January 2000.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree