From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>
Subject: FW: PT Licensure Board

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From: Leslie Gonzalez

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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission **Subject:** PT Licensure Board

## To the Sunset Advisory Commission,

My name is Dr. Leslie Gonzalez, PT, DPT from Houston, Texas and I specialize in rehabilitation in the pediatric population, but treat all neuromuscular disorders. As a physical therapist, I strongly oppose the recommendation for the PT Licensure Board to be consolidated into the TDLR as I believe the only way to retain the integrity of physical therapy practice is for experienced healthcare professionals who understand our entire spectrum of practice to make decisions on our practice act. I treat vulnerable individuals whose safety must be considered first. As a recipient of physical therapy services and a tax payer, I support retaining the TBPTE as an independent state agency as it will be more cost effective and protect the quality of care I receive.

Thank you,

Leslie Gonzalez, PT, DPT