From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

Subject: FW: Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners SAC Staff Report, Issue 3

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From: Cindy Gravell

Sent: Thursday, April 14, 2016 7:02 PM **To:** Sunset Advisory Commission

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To Sunset Advisory Commission:

RE: TBPTE Staff Report Issue 3: TPTA-administered Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP)

I oppose the SAC recommendation that TBPTE be required to provide direct administration/approval of the CCAP program. I recommend that SAC allow the TBPTE to retain its current statutory authority as it relates to continuing competency administration.

My opposition to the Issue 3 recommendation is supported by the following information:

- The Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) selected the Texas Physical Therapy Association (TPTA) to administer the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) because of its ability to meet the TBPTE continuing competency program standards, and its ability to provide licensees with relevant, best-practice information and clinical skill updates in a cost-effective manner.
- CCAP provides for public protection by ensuring that licensees' knowledge and clinical skills are kept current with professional standards.
- It appears that the SAC is recommending the TBPTE take back the CCAP program; however, the TBPTE lacks the resources, infrastructure, and clinical expertise to do so.
- The TBPTE should retain its current ability to delegate the continuing competency review and approval to entities that meet their standards requirement as provided for under their current statutory authority.

I respectfully ask that you please consider the points above in your further deliberations with regards to this issue.

Sincerely,

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