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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Combining PT Board with TDLR

## Dear Sunset Commission,

It has come to my attention that it is a possibility that the TBPTE and TDLR could be combined and I would like to express to you my strong disagreement. Let me first introduce myself first as a first year Physical Therapy Student studying at Texas Woman's University in Houston. In only 14 short weeks I have learned so much about my future profession through classes and my wonderful, practicing professors. I may hardly be a true PT, DPT yet, but I understand the profession enough to know that consolidating the PT Board with TDLR would be no good. Not only would it be more expensive, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas, but the TDLR Commissioners simply do not have the requisite medical knowledge or experience necessary to make appropriate decisions. But Physical Therapists do. Please think hard about Texas and all the wonderful people who make it great before consolidating the two boards.

I thank you for your time and your commitment.

Much Appreciation, Taylor Gray