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From: Ashley Hall  
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 4:59 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Against PT board consolidation with TDLR

Dear Sunset Commission,

I am a third year Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University and currently live in Friendswood, TX.

I am emailing to share some of my concerns I have about the proposal to combine the current PT board (TBPTE) with TDLR. I strongly recommend that the TBPTE stay an independent state agency.

My first concern is that the TDLR commissioners do not have requisite medical knowledge or specific healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving 'hands-on' patient care delivered by physical therapists. Furthermore, TBPTE already has a strong history of being a fair and impartial board. There is no need to have a second/higher board to make ultimate decisions.

Another reason I oppose consolidating TBPTE into TDLR is because it will cost more and reduce the overall standard of patient safety in Texas. I believe we have a responsibility ultimately to our patients to provide the best care possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and take into considerations my concerns as a future physical therapist.

Ashley Hall, SPT  
Texas Woman's University c/o 2017