From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Consolidation of TBPTE into TDLR

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Subject: Consolidation of TBPTE into TDLR

Hello,

My name is Allison Hall and I am a first year student in the DPT program at Texas Woman's University in Houston. I am writing to share my thoughts on the potential consolidation of TBPTE into TDLR. I believe that it would a mistake to make this change. Physical therapy requires a high level of medical knowledge and healthcare experience that would not be shared by the TDLR commissioners. This would make it difficult for the commissioners to make decisions that involve "hands-on" patient care, since they could potentially have never been involved in the field of physical therapy. The TDLR would combine too many unrelated fields, which would put each one at a disadvantage. The TBPTE is efficient, functional, and well-managed as it is - consolidating the agency into the TDLR would impair all of those attributes. Therefore, I strongly believe that the TBPTE should be maintained as an independent state agency for the next twelve years.

Thank you for your time, Allison Hall, SPT