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From: Don & Susan Hammond
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 11:24 PM
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Dear Mr. Ken Levine,

I am writing because I am concerned with the proposed consolidation of the PT licensure board into TDLR. One concern is the large agency that will be created where it will be confusing of who is responsible when there is a problem that needs to be addressed. Another problem with large agencies are the answers will be inconsistent. Another concern I have is the advisory board. It is unclear to me in the report if the board is to include physical therapists. To be frank, I am concerned about other professionals trying to use political maneuvers to erode our scope of practice.

I have been a physical therapist for thirty years. I am a certified manual therapist which took three years to obtain. I also have certification in pelvic floor through Women's section of the APTA. I work very hard to obtain education and skills to provide the best care for my patients. I am proud to be a physical therapist but often I encounter people whom are uneducated on our level of education and our profession.

My last comment is the TBPTE is an efficient organization with the quickest resolution of all the agencies listed in the report. I respectfully request the TBPTE remain an independent agency as recommended multiple times by the Sunset staff.

Sincerely,
Susan Hammond, PT