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Good morning,

My name is Germaine Herman and I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy practicing at the Harris Health System in Houston, TX. I am emailing with concerns over recent news of the proposed combination of the PT Board with TDLR. I am requesting *the retention of the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years*. Given the work with the unfunded and underserved, I rely heavily on the PT Board to direct the laws of practice and access. Combining the Board with TDLR will jeopardize patient access. Patient access to Physical Therapy is already severely restricted in Texas (more than any other state). It is even more restricted for those who do not have the financial funds or the security of insurance and must rely on county supplemental insurance, as my patients do.

Please consider the good of the patient as you proceed forward with this decision. That patient may as well be you and I.

Thank you,

Germaine Herman, PT, DPT, OCS

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