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To whom it may concern,

Hello, my name is Jamette Hickman and I am a board certified in orthopedics, doctor of physical therapy. I am currently practicing in outpatient orthopedics and have been doing so now going on 7 years. I have been practicing in the state of Texas off and on for over three years now, as I am originally from TN. I currently reside in League City, TX and am practicing in outpatient orthopedic clinics primarily located in South Houston. I am currently in opposition of the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR, in hopes that the TBPTE can remain an independent entity at the state level, for many years to come. There are several reasons as to why the TBPTE should remain a separate entity. Autonomy is a goal of every practitioner, and allowing for commissioners, and decision-making individuals that possess the medical knowledge and experience of physical therapists, allows for a relatable, governing body and speaking voice. This allows for unity, and to truly help the profession grow as a whole, if it is ran by members of the same profession, that share a common interest, goals, and unique body of knowledge. This helps to further allow the specific branch of physical therapy to grow, so that as a separate voice and governing body for the profession, it can provide clear, definite answers regarding the profession, as opposed to a combined organization that may potentially cause issues to be overlooked; thus decreasing patient safety. Also, it will be more cost-efficient in the long run, because as again due to the experience as physical therapists, the cost of having to outsource information is diminished, due to first hand knowledge. The physical therapy profession is growing rapidly and ever progressing our knowledge base to provide the best care possible at the forefront of our profession. By 2020, all physical therapy programs will be a doctorate-level program, as you know. By allowing a separate organization, run specifically by physical therapists, it permits this specific body of knowledge to blossom, so that all issues, concerns, anything needing to be addressed can truly be answered and changed by the specific members of that profession. There is no one better to be an advocate for a specific profession, than a governing body composed of the professionals themselves.. Please consider allowing the TBPTE to remain a separate body, to allow for professional autonomy, and a body represented by the very clinicians that compose it. Thank you for your time and please feel free to contact me if needed.

Sincerely,

Jamette Hickman