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**From:** Mara Hochman  
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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Importance of keeping TBPTE an independent agency

Dear Members of Sunset Commission,

My name is Mara Hochman and I am a physical therapy student at Texas Woman's University in Houston, TX. I will be graduating with a doctorate this May. I am writing to express some of my concerns regarding the proposal to combine the current PT board (TBPTE) with TDLR.

I strongly recommend that the TBPTE stay an independent state agency. As a student physical therapist, I am intimately aware of the medical knowledge required of clinicians to excel in this profession. My concern is that TDLR commissioners do not possess adequate knowledge to appropriately make decisions on behalf of our profession. Not only could this have severe implications for the way we practice, but it will certainly affect the quality of care we can deliver to our patients.

I did not embark on this profession to make money. My desire has always been to increase access to healthcare, and provide the highest quality care possible. I believe transferring the oversight of our profession to TDLR will compromise our ability to best serve our patients. It will also cost more.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I hope your future decision reflects the needs of many Texans seeking care, and the integrity of our profession.

Best Regards,  
Mara Hochman, SPT