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Dear Sunset Commission,

I am a third year Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University and currently live in Houston.

I am emailing to share some of my concerns I have about the proposal to combine the current PT board (TBPTE) with TDLR. I strongly recommend that the TBPTE stay an independent state agency.

My first concern is that the TDLR commissioners do not have requisite medical knowledge or specific healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving 'hands-on' patient care delivered by physical therapists. Furthermore, all 226 physical therapy programs in the country are Doctoral level degrees. Our profession believes it is imperative for proper patient care to train its graduates with medical knowledge and proper clinical experience.

Another reason I oppose consolidating TBPTE into TDLR is because it will cost more and reduce the overall standard of patient safety in Texas. I believe we have a responsibility ultimately to our patients to provide the best care possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and take into considerations I have as a future physical therapist.

Best Regards,
Amy

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