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To: [Janet Wood](#)
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Agency: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a physical therapist assistant with 20+ years of practice, and value the PT board for its oversight and regard for the safety of the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I recommend that the PT board be continued and that a compact for licensing across state lines be implemented to facilitate the timely use of therapists without extra burdens of obtaining licensure in more than one state. Many areas are underserved in Texas, and a licensure compact would ease the problem.

I also recommend that the board continue to have the TPTA review the continuing competency courses. It would place a huge burden on the board to have to review the competency courses, as there are so many, some of which are not appropriate for continuing competency. I am a peer reviewer, and have seen the quality of courses improve as a result of the peer review process. The guidelines are strict, and in accordance with the practice act.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Continuing Competency program for physical therapy, Issue 3
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From: Ann Huffstetter
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Subject: Continuing Competency program for physical therapy, Issue 3

I am a physical therapist assistant who is a peer reviewer for the continuing competency program, and I believe that Texas has a very strong program because the board was relieved of the responsibility of reviewing hundreds of program offerings each year. The process is very detailed, and I have noticed that the quality of the courses that I am asked to review has improved greatly once the peer review process was implemented.

The public is being protected as therapists are held to a high standard of continuing education. The TBPTE, a very small group, does not have the resources, clinical background and infrastructure to review so many courses. I can assure you that I do not hesitate to deny a course if it fails to meet the criteria established by the TBPTE, and have done so many times.

The TBPTE should retain its current ability to delegate the continuing competency review and approval to entities that meet their standards requirement as provided for under their current statutory authority.

Therefore, I oppose Issue 3.

Thank you,
Ann Huffstetter, PTA