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To: [Janet Wood](#)
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From: Laurie Hurst
Sent: Wednesday, April 20, 2016 8:56 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Continuing competency review by the TPTA

I am writing in opposition to changing the review and approval process for continuing competency programs which is currently being performed by the TPTA. As a reviewer, I have taken my responsibilities very seriously and know that the courses I have reviewed meet the stringent standards that would ensure quality education and training for the physical therapists and physical therapist assistants in the state of Texas. I also am continually reviewing the current research and literature to make sure that I am aware of evidence based standards that apply to our profession. This process has proven to be a cost effective method to perform this task since the reviewers are professional and also volunteers.

As a reviewer I also understand that the program's we review help to ensure that the licensees maintain competency in skills and knowledge while practicing in an ethical manner.

I believe that the current process is functioning safely and efficiency. The TBPTE does not have the resources to perform these duties nor the level of professional expertise to take on this function. I have practiced physical therapy in Texas for more than 40 years and have the utmost respect for the TBPTE, but feel this proposed change would hamper their effectiveness in performing their current duties. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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Sent from my iPhone