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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Hello,

I am a physical therapist who has practiced in the state of Texas for over 40 years. I have been a director of rehabilitation services in two hospitals in the East Texas region and supervised many physical therapists and physical therapist assistants, as well as student physical therapists and physical therapist assistants. I have also been active in the Texas Physical Therapy Association and currently serve as the East Texas District Chair of the TPTA. I am very concerned about the current recommendation for the consolidation of the Texas Board of Physical Therapist Examiners under the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulations.

I am writing in opposition of this recommendation. I have looked at the statistical data with regard to efficiency and have found that our board is, in fact completing investigations more quickly than the TDLR. I also believe that placing us under the TDLR creates another layer of governmental red tape. For instance, instead of having one licensure board overseeing our profession, it would have a regulatory agency plus an advisory board to perform the same function as our current board structure. This, in my opinion would cause decrease in efficiency, not an increase in efficiency.

More bureaucracy and government red tape is not what any agency needs.

Lastly, the TBPTE has always done an excellent job providing information and services to our professionals. I cannot support this change and will be contacting my representatives and senators to help oppose this recommendation.

There is one aspect that could easily be implemented in any of the boards and that is background checks from finger printing. That should not be a factor in consolidation, only a recommendation that it be implemented by our board. Thanks for the opportunity to provide input to this proposal.

Sincerely,

Dr. Laurayne P Hurst, PT, MEd, CLT-LANA

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave the Texas Board of Physical Therapist Examiners autonomous.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree