From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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From: Megan James

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Good evening Sunset Commissioners,

I am a student physical therapist at the TWU Houston doctorate program. I am writing to you to share my thoughts and concerns about the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

I am concerned that this consolidation puts our patients' safety in jeopardy because TDLR commissioners are not have the medical knowledge to regulate the care that physical therapists should be performing. I am also opposed to the consolidation because currently the TBPTE is a well-functioning, efficient independent agency. The consolidation will no longer allow us to practice efficiently, due to a non-medical regulating board, and increase costs.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to the concerns from the physical therapy profession.

Sincerely, Megan James