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Subject: Opposition to PT and OT Licensing Board being Consolidated into the TDLR
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Good evening,

My name is Dr. Antonio Johnson and I am a physical therapist with oversight of multiple rehab departments within skilled nursing and transitional care facilities throughout Houston, Austin, Beaumont, Livingston, Lufkin, and South Texas. Being in healthcare, I understand cuts and consolidations that must be made in order for an effective operation to exist, but I also have experienced in my 13 years of practice situations in which those decisions to cut and consolidate have led to much larger expense and patient care related problems that decision makers had not wisely factored in. Some of my concerns as well as the patients our company treats are as follows.

- Physical Therapy is a profession that should be regulated by physical therapists based upon the American Physical Therapy Association Guide to Physical Therapy Practice. We respectfully disagree with the comment that was made in Health Licensing Consolidation Project introductory piece that states corporations would never structure their business model that way. From a safety and regulatory perspective, it would not be good practice to have someone without the education background and experience within our field making decisions or changes that relate to physical therapy practice. The state PT licensure board has done an excellent job of appropriate discipline for clinicians that aren't practicing within state laws and regulations, which in turn has allowed patients to be cared for as they should. I have worked in close connection with the board over the years to ensure clinicians who weren't practicing as they should received appropriate discipline or were no longer able to practice within the state for the best interest of the patients we treat and constituents you serve.
- Long complaint investigation and resolution timeliness – any issues that my patients have experienced with licensees has never taken 10-30 months to get resolved.
- Physical Therapists and the PT licensure board has always been proactive in encouraging patients to file complaints against licensees.

In conclusion, I have always been a clinician that has championed the rights of the patients I treat in Texas and I have always been truthful and transparent to them in regards to changes, whether policy, insurance, or regulations, that may adversely affect them. The PT licensure board being consolidated into the TDLR is a change that will adversely affect them and my fellow colleagues. If the change does occur, I will notify my patients that the individuals who they voted for within their geographical areas are ultimately responsible due to structure of appointed positions within the

Sunset Advisory Commission by the Lieutenant Governor and Speaker of the House.

Respectfully,

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