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To The Sunset Commission,

I am an Occupational Therapist who is also the director of rehabilitation at a skilled nursing facility. I have been a OT for over 20 years and have many physical therapists who work for me. I would like to recommend that you keep The Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners independent and not consolidated with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Physical therapists are highly trained medical professionals with many holding doctorate degrees. Therapists typically receive much of the same education that medical doctors receive to include anatomy with human cadavers, actual training in clinical settings like hospitals, and stringent requirements to obtain and keep a license. I feel that only those directly involved in physical therapy have the knowledge and background to set the standards for the profession. With the same confidence, I am sure the American Medical Association would not allow a lay person to set the standards for a cardiologist, or pulmonologist, or orthopedic surgeon. We must maintain the integrity and standards of physical therapy professionals to ensure the safety and wellbeing of the general public. Please do not allow the oversight of Texas physical therapists fall under the TX department of Licensing and Regulation.

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