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**To:** [Cecelia Hartley](#)  
**Subject:** FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)  
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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 4:16 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

First Name: Christine

Last Name: Joseph

Title: Occupational Therapist II

Organization you are affiliated with: Harris Health

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

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

I am an occupational therapist and I am commenting in regards to the potential plan to consolidate our licensing board (TBOTE). I specialize in working with patients with impaired ADLs due to neurological deficits. This job is very hands on and patient centered and I believe that consolidating TBOTE into TDLR will negatively affect our profession as well as the patients that we serve as the TDLR commissioners may not have as much knowledge on what we do specifically as occupational therapists. We are very hands on, therefore the decisions that they make may not be the best for our profession to deliver the best care possible. I also believe that this will hinder patient safety. I take pride in my career and the level of education (Master's degree) that we must attain. Occupational therapists are specifically trained to help patients rediscover their independence after a traumatic event has happened to them. We focus on retraining with basic self-care, community re-integration, and complex instrumental activities of daily living as well as several other factors that go into making a person whole again. We focus on compensation as well as remediation which many other professions do not. We make a difference in our patients lives and I hope that future decisions do not hinder our ability to do so. I respectfully ask that this decision is carefully thought out. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my comment.

In summary, I ask that you support Issue 4.1 in the April 2016 Sunset Staff Report on the Executive Council and Texas Board of PT and OT Examiners (p.33)

- o This recommendation would continue the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners and Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners under the administration of the Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners until 2009

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommended that TBOTE is not consolidated into TDLR and continues under ECPTOTE as consolidation into TDLR will negatively impact all patients and the care that they receive.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Cecelia Hartley](#)  
**Subject:** FW: TBOTE consolidation  
**Date:** Monday, November 28, 2016 9:43:10 AM

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**From:** Joseph, Christine Rene  
**Sent:** Monday, November 28, 2016 9:37 AM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** TBOTE consolidation

Good morning,

I am an occupational therapist and I am emailing in regards to the potential plan to consolidate our licensing board. I specialize in working with patients with impaired ADLs due to neurological deficits. This job is very hands on and patient centered and I believe that consolidating TBOTE into TDLR will negatively affect our profession as well as the patients that we serve as the TDLR commissioners may not have as much knowledge on what we do as we are very hands on, therefore the decisions that they make may not be the best for our profession to deliver the best care possible. I also believe that this will hinder patient safety. I take pride in my career because occupational therapists are specifically trained to help patients rediscover their independence after a traumatic event has happened to them. We make a difference in our patients lives and I hope that future decisions do not hinder our ability to do so. I respectfully ask that this decision is carefully thought out. Thank you so much for taking the time to read my email.

Sincerely,  
Christine Joseph,OTR  
Occupational Therapist II

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