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To whom it may concern:

My name is Karen Keeler, and I am an Orthopedic Certified Physical Therapist in Texas. I have a Doctorate of Physical Therapy degree and have been practicing in the state of Texas since 2005. I currently reside in Houston, but have worked all over the state of Texas, as well as Nevada. Please accept this email as an opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR. I strongly propose that the TBPTE be retained as an independent state agency for the next 12 years as was recommended on multiple occasions by the Sunset staff. These are the reasons why I feel this proposed consolidation is not a good functional idea:

First, the TBPTE is proven to be a cost-efficient, well managed, and operationally effective state agency. With 20 staff members, the TBPTE has proven to be effective. In fact, in Appendix A of the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report on Health Licensing Consolidation Project, it shows that the PT board resolves its complaints in 42% less time than TDLR (127 vs 217 days).

Second, TDLR Commissioners do not have the medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands-on" patient care that physical therapists routinely deliver. A PT and PTA education and license is vastly different than most of the programs TDLR oversees.

Respectfully,

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