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Goodafternoon,

I am Thomas Keenan, and I am currently a Physical Therapy Student at Texas Woman's University in Houston TX. I'd like comment on the proposal of transferring the oversight of Physical Therapy to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. As a student currently residing in the Texas Medical Center, I have witnessed the clinical complexities that physical therapists encounter on a daily basis. No other profession is able to fully understand the scope of our practice, especially in the inpatient setting. Critical care physical therapists are trained to walk heart transplant patients, inpatient rehab physical therapists gait train patients after a sever stroke or traumatic brain injury. Other than Physical Therapy, there is no other profession that utilizes or understands this type of practice. This skill set is critical to the inpatient setting in any advanced hospital. By demoting Physical Therapists to be lumped in with other professions, you will be seriously damaging the competitiveness of the Texas Medical Center, and will drive future and current physical therapists to more practice friendly states. Thank you for you time.

Regards,

Thomas Keenan SPT