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**From:** Rebecca Kimbrell  
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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
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To the Commissioners of the Sunset Review,

Hello! My name is Rebecca Kimbrell, and I am a physical therapist in a hospital based outpatient physical therapy clinic in Houston, Texas. I have worked at my current location for 2.5 years, and prior to that, I was a physical therapist at a private practice outpatient clinic. I received my Doctorate in Physical Therapy from UTMB in 2011. Since graduating, I have obtained my Orthopedic Clinical Specialist certification and am also currently participating in a fellowship program.

I am greatly opposed to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR, and I would like to retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years, or longer, as recommended on multiple occasions by the Sunset staff. I do not believe consolidating the TBPTE into the TDLR will be beneficial as the TDLR commissioners will likely not have pertinent medical knowledge to make appropriate decisions involving physical therapy state laws and deciding what is appropriate hands on patient care that is routinely delivered to our patients. The physical therapy program is now on a doctorate level with required continuing competency courses. TPTA is currently in charge of regulating satisfactory classes for continuing competency courses. If the TDLR commissioners are in charge of approving courses, someone without a medical background would be deciding whether or not a course is appropriate. In order for our profession to grow, evolve, and adapt, it is important that we continue to attend strong courses for our profession.

Thank you for your time,

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