



November 29, 2016

RE: Issue 4.1 in the April 2016 Sunset Staff Report on the Executive Council and Texas Board of PT and OT Examiners

Dear Sunset Committee:

I am writing to request that in the upcoming legislative session, you support Issue 4.1, a "Key Recommendation" in the April 2016 Sunset Staff Report on the Executive Council and Texas Board of PT and OT Examiners. 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 2029".

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Transferring more than 38,000 physical and occupational therapy licensees, at a time when the umbrella agency, Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation, is inheriting 13 Department of State Health Services Programs whose combined licensee population is more than 67,700 requires a high threshold. Based in TDLR's estimates, and in consultation with Legislative Budget Board staff, the sunset staff you delegated has determined that such a *move would not result in a reduction in personnel or a cost-savings, undermining a major rationale for doing so*. Specifically, TDLR indicates that it would need the same number of employees as the executive council and a one-time cost of about \$440,000 to pay for transferring the licensing data from the executive council to one of TDLR's licensing systems. Thereafter, annual costs would be approximately the same and there is no benefit to taxpayers and consumers. With no increase in personnel, but the additional burden of investigating complaints for consumers of 13 licensed health service programs, your constituents would potentially be harmed by the inevitable delay of complaint resolution.

Please support Issue 4.1 of the April 2016 Sunset staff report, as cited on page 4
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Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marc King, Ph.D." The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dr. Marc King

Licensed Psychologist :

Trisha Linebarger

From: Sunset Advisory Commission
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 12:21 PM
To: Cecelia Hartley
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

-----Original Message-----

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Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 12:21 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

First Name: Marc

Last Name: King,

Title: Licensed Psychologist and Executive Director

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City: Houston

State: Texas

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

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Licensed Psychologist

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

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My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree