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Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 7:12 AM  
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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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

I am a physical therapist licensed in the state of Texas since 1986, writing to oppose the consolidation of the OT & PT board into the Texas Department of Licensing & Regulation. I ask you to vote to protect our patients as well as therapists themselves from being governed by a board that knows nothing about physical therapy, possibly resulting in even some who may have a conflict of interests with physical therapy, such as chiropractors and acupuncturists.

Consolidation of licensure might sound like a stream lining of efforts, but licensure by a board without the necessary level of health care expertise will jeopardize patient care and the health care system as a whole.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please allow our OT and PT board to continue the good work it has been performing in the past. As a medical professional it is imperative that we have a licensing board that is composed of similar professionals.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree