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To Whom it May Concern:

I would like to convey my extreme concern and definitive disagreement with the attempt to consolidate the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners into the TDLR, against the recommendation of the Sunset staff.

I have practiced as an outpatient physical therapist in Houston for the last 15 years, having earned my Masters in Physical Therapy in 2001. Since then the Physical Therapy profession has been expanded to a Doctoral-level education program. Personally, in earning additional post-graduate certifications I have spent thousands of my own dollars and hundreds of hours on furthering my knowledge and skills to deliver evidence-based care in a safe, efficient and ethical manner. As Physical Therapy continues to evolve into a more dynamic occupation requiring specialized, advanced clinical expertise, it simply does not make any sense to me to group my practice with other fields with significantly less educational standards. With such a consolidation of the PT regulation under a larger, less-specialized umbrella organization, my concern is that the decision-makers on the commission board will not possess sufficient medical proficiency and experience to make well-informed decisions regarding patient care delivery by therapists.

While I understand that some motives behind the move may include improving operational costs during a time when funding is at a premium, the current TBPTE already operates in a highly efficient and effective manner. The current board has the requisite knowledge and competency to understand the issues affecting the physical therapy profession and it's delivery of care to Texas residents.

Please retain the TBPTE as advised by the Sunset staff for the next 12 years – it's the best decision for my profession and for the patients we serve.

Please feel free to contact me if I can offer any other commentary or answer any other questions.

Respectfully,

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