From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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From: Brissa Leal

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Subject: TBPTE as an independent state agency

Dear Sunset Commission,

My name is Brissa Leal, I am a third year Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University in Houston, TX.

I am writing to you to strongly recommend that the Physical Therapy Board, TBPTE, not be consolidated with the TDLR, but rather stay an independent state agency.

The main reason I oppose the merging of TBPTE into TDLR is because the standard of patient care and safety will decrease. The decision-makers in TDLR do not have the appropriate healthcare background and knowledge to make decisions involving patient care delivered by physical therapists. As a future physical therapist, it is of upmost importance to me that TBPTE stay as our PT Board as they are knowledgeable in our field and will make the right decisions for our profession to benefit our patients and the public overall.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Best Regards, Brissa Leal