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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”.

Please do not support consolidation under an umbrella licensing agency.

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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.

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