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Please do not move the physical therapy licensing process to the TDLR which regulates vocations. I was a student in the first class at Southwestern Medical School when the first practice act was being considered in Texas. Other people, naturopaths, etc, tried to include themselves in the legislation which would have diminished assuring the public that a person licensed as a physical therapist was, indeed, a physical therapist. We fought so hard to provide honesty for the public. The Executive Council of PT and OT Examiners provides excellent consumer protection in an efficient manner. I left Texas a few years after graduation and worked in five other states before returning to Texas. The licensure board in this state acts as a professional board in safeguarding the public and is more efficient than any of those other states. I know that my license in Texas (one of the earliest licenses to be issued) has meaning to the public and assures people that I meet competencies and credentials. Do not diminish my profession to a vocational status regulated by persons who not do hold currency in the knowledge base and issues surrounding best practice in physical therapy. Texas needs to assure the public with rigor and standards.

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