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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the position that continuing education approval for re-licensure should be removed from the TPTA. That entity is the only Texas entity aware of professional standards and expectations agreed upon by the educators within the profession. The licensure board would use the same people and processes to review course proposals if allowed to chose persons who are current in best practice and professional standards. I have been licensed 5 other states. The process in Texas is the most efficient and is valid for protecting the public and licensees as re-licensure for continued competence occurs.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I applaud the decision to remove facility registration which has been a burden to therapists. Patients should be allowed to have access to physical therapy services as they can in most states. The licensure board is competent enough to safeguard the public against abuse in any form, as your report reflects. I practiced in Arkansas for several years when patients had access to services without the need to pay for additional referral from physicians, many of whom are not familiar with best practice in physical therapy and recommend outdated and ineffective interventions. Early access to physical therapy enhances outcomes.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree