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Thank you for your time. I would like to take a moment to VERY STRONGY URGE you to not combine the PT board in Texas with TDLR.

I am a physical therapist at TIRR Memorial Hermann, the second ranked rehabilitation hospital in Texas. I completed by Doctorate in Phyiscal Therapy in Houston, TX and have served as physical therapist for four and half years. I have primarily worked with individuals with stroke, spinal cord injury, and traumatic brain injury during that time. I have helped people return to walking, get back to work, return to caring for themselves independently. It is the most amazing and rewarding profession, I hope that the decisions by the sunset commission do not hinder the work I do or prevent me for being able to serve my patients the way I have for the last four years.

The TBPTE is a cost-efficient, operationally effective, and well-managed state agency. The TDLR consolidation will cost more and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas. I care so much about the safe and effective care of my patients and consolidation with TDLR is guaranteed to have a negative impact. If individuals that do not have the required medical background and knowledge are part of the decision making process related to the practice of physical therapy, the effects will be disastrous.

Again I strongly oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and I hope you do too. Please retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years, as was recommended on by the Sunset staff.

Thank You

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