From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Opposition to consolidation of TBPTE into TDLR

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From: Rachel MacNeill

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

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Hello,

My name is Rachel MacNeill, and I'm a Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University in Houston.

I'm writing to share my strong opposition to the potential consolidation of the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners into the TDLR. I join Sunset staff in calling for the continued independence of the TBPTE such that the best interests of patients and Texans in general are protected.

The TBPTE as it currently stands is uniquely qualified to make decisions about the hands on medical care that physical therapists deliver every day. What's more, it is cost-efficient, effective, and well-managed. It sets the standard for excellent, well-researched patient care that improves the lives of Texans.

Thank you for your consideration. I hope I can count on your opposition to this proposal.

Best,

Rachel MacNeill