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**From:** Victoria Mar  
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To whom it may concern,

My name is Victoria Mar, and I am a Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University in Houston, TX. As a student who will be entering the physical therapy workforce in Texas in a few years, I oppose the consolidation of the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners into the TDLR. I believe that the TBPTE should remain independent.

In my few months as a student, I have seen just a small sliver of the wide scope of education we receive. As doctoral students, we are taught much more than just how to treat patients for musculoskeletal problems. We are working to become independent practitioners who work closely with patients delivering hands-on care, and we have the knowledge to determine if a patient is fit for our care or not. Because we deliver such specialized care, I believe it is only right for physical therapists to decide what our scope of practice is in the state of Texas. Others (members of the TDLR) may not truly understand what our profession is really about and may end up limiting how we are able to help heal patients, resulting in a decrease in public health. In addition, the TBPTE is self-sustainable and cost-effective as an individual organization. Combining physical therapy into the TDLR could prove to cost more than it does now.

As a student who is devoting a lot of resources into becoming a Doctor of Physical Therapy, my professional future rests on this Sunset Review. How effectively and safely I can treat patients in three years will depend on the results of this review, as will where I ultimately choose to practice. I appreciate your time, and I hope you will consider all of us (students and current practitioners) who will be affected by your decision.

Sincerely,  
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