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Good morning,

I am an occupational therapist practicing in the state of Texas. I work with people with neurological conditions including stroke, spinal cord injuries, brain injuries, parkinson's, multiple sclerosis, ALS, etc. In my daily practice I help my clients gain their independence back. We work on dressing, bathing, grooming, cooking, educational and vocational goals, allowing the patient to return to the activities they like and need to do. Every year I attend several courses to update my knowledge and provide my patients the best care possible.

In my name and the name of the patients I serve daily I ask you to please Support Issue 4.1 in the April 2016 Sunset Staff Report on the Executive Council and Texas Board of PT and OT Examiners (p.33) under the administration of the Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners until 2029.

- o The sunset staff report states: because of the potential for harm to patients, Texas has an interest in regulating physical and occupational therapy –
- o Based in TDLR's estimates, and in consultation with Legislative Budget Board staff, sunset staff has determined that such a move would not result in a reduction in personnel or a cost-savings, undermining a major rationale for doing so.
- o The Sunset committee spent months examining and analyzing the operations of TBOTE/ECPTOTE to determine if consolidation was right for us. They determined that TBOTE was found to be quite efficient in terms of overall cost of operations and consolidation would CREATE a one-time cost of 440K to transfer data from the executive council to TDLR's licensing system.

Thank you for your time,

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