From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 8:11 AM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Matthew

Last Name: Marks

Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

Email:

City: Belton

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed:

Opposed:

My name is Matthew Marks. I am a current DPT student at University of Mary Hardin-Baylor, graduating class Dec 2017.

Even as a student, I believe it is important to follow current events in the field of Physical Therapy and I strongly support the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. Once I graduate and pass the licensure requirements, being able to practice in other states without having to go through each individual state-based licensure requirements would be amazing. There are so many different physical therapy opportunities that would be opened up to new students just like me as well as practicing professionals in the state of Texas. I believe this will overall give more access to patients for physical therapy services as well.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree