From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Opposition to consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR

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To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Opposition to consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR

Good afternoon,

I am a doctor of physical therapy in Houston, Texas and I have been a practicing physical therapist in the outpatient neurologic setting in Texas for the past 8.5 years.

I wanted to provide an opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and retain the TPBTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years, which has been the recommendation by the Sunset staff.

The reason that I am requesting this is the TBPTE has the requisite medical and healthcare knowledge and experience to make the appropriate decisions regarding patient care, which the TDLR commissioners would not have. Also, the TBPTE is noted as a cost efficient, operationally effective and well managed state agency.

Thank you for your time and assistance, Laura



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