

**From:** [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)  
**To:** [Cecelia Hartley](#)  
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**From:** Janna Mcgaugh  
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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Sunset Commission member:

I am emailing to voice concern regarding the proposed Health Licensing Consolation Project proposal. I am a licensed physical therapist in the State of Texas. I have been licensed for over 15 years, and currently practice in League City. In addition to clinical practice, I am a full time faculty member in a Doctorate of Physical Therapy program. I am concerned over the proposed consolation project for two primary reasons. One is of public safety. Oversight of licensed professionals is important for accountability and public safety. This is especially true for professionals involved in direct patient care. The physical therapy profession is a doctorate level profession with a significant responsibility in the health and well being of the Texas population. Consolation of the current TBPTE into the TDLR would create an ineffective management system for a profession with such a large responsibility to the public. The oversight of the physical therapy profession requires individuals with in depth knowledge of the profession, with health care experience to well informed and appropriate decisions regarding the patient care that physical therapists routinely deliver. In my experience with the TBPTE, the board has proven to be a cost-effective, operationally effective, well managed state agency. I am concerned that the consolidation will have a huge consequence to the public and to the profession, with the result of a higher price tag to the State due reduced efficiency in oversight and management, decision making errors due to lack of understanding and knowledge about the profession, and result in a negative impact on public safety and the effectiveness of licensed physical therapists to deliver quality patient care in the State of Texas.

Thank you for taking the time to listen to my concerns.

Sincerely,

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