From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: plea to keep the TBPTE as an independent agency.

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From: Chandrasekhar Reddy

Sent: Thursday, December 01, 2016 12:33 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: plea to keep the TBPTE as an independent agency.

Dear Sunset Commission,

I have reviewed the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report regarding the Health Licensing Consolidation Project. I continue to be in opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

By keeping the TBPTE as an independent agency, it is guaranteed to have decision-makers that have requisite medical knowledge and healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands on" patient care that Physical Therapists routinely deliver. From my 4 years' experience as a practicing PT the TBPTE is a cost efficient, operationally effective and well managed state agency. Consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR will lead to the erosion of my profession, minimizing this specialized field of healthcare services.

Please consider my plea to keep the TBPTE as an independent agency.

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