-----Original Message-----From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<u>mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local</u>] Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 8:09 AM To: Sunset Advisory Commission Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

As a medical professional it is imperative that we have a licensing board that is composed of similar professionals. Our current OT board is just that. To place our professions into this "health professions" portion of TDLR and have advisory panels would have those that are not familiar with the intricacies of professions be advising us, and thus potentially compromising competency, limiting our practice for which we are trained and the ongoing high quality of care of our profession. I also think that the board should be members of profession with no conflicts of interest, such as chiropractors and orthotists.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend the continuation the Executive Council, OT Board, and PT Board

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree