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My name is Anne Miller, I am a physical therapist from Houston, Texas and I am asking you to oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years. This was recommended on by the Sunset staff during our sunset review period and I believe strongly that this is the best option for the people in the state of Texas; those whom we serve with our doctoral level care, those whose tax payer dollars support the TDLR, and those who are members of the Physical Therapy profession.

As a practicing physical therapist for nearly 10 years in the state of Texas, it is important to me that our profession be governed and maintained by professionals who understand our practice and who are invested in maintaining high quality standards of practice and skill level. It is important to me that a board of physical therapists who understand the background of our training and education be responsible for making decisions about the future of my practice and my abilities to perform a skill set I have been expertly trained in. If you are not aware, physical therapy is a doctoral level profession and many of us, like myself go on to achieve board certification, post- doctoral education and training, and lifelong learning through high level continuing education. I myself, am board certified in neurology. I treat people who have suffered strokes, brain injuries, and spinal cord injuries. With the population aging, and the prevalence of disability rising, we have an important role to fulfill in service to the population of this country, this state, and our local communities. I take this responsibility with great honor and gravity.

I do not believe that a board of non-physical therapists will support and maintain the high standards for ethical practice, education, safety, and clinical expertise that have been established by the TBPTE; and they will certainly not do so in a cost effective manner.

I can understand why it may appear that consolation could be a stronger option; in the event that a profession's board is unable to provide that profession with appropriate oversight, fiscal responsibility, public safety, or clinical elevation. However the TBPTE has provided a great service to the physical therapy profession in the state of Texas. I do not support anyone other than a physical therapist with the requisite training and education to make decisions and recommendations about the clinical care we provide be making decisions that affect both

my ability to perform the duties of my profession or the public's ability to seek my services.

I ask that you oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR as a citizen of the state of TX asking for representation of my profession and for the public I serve. This is not a decision as simple as consolidating boards that are seemingly similar. The ripple effects of lowering expectations in a state that holds so high its ethical and clinical responsibility to the patient, the public, and to its own profession could be damaging. I believe that as a state we should support efforts that make us stronger, more efficient, and better at serving our own public. This is the role that the TBPTE plays, that the TDLR can never replace.

The TDLR consolidation will cost more, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas. Please oppose this effort.

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