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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Monday, June 20, 2016 6:01 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a physical therapist with 38 years of experience and practice in home health care in San Antonio, and teach DPT students. I am representing only myself as a Physical Therapy professional. I SUPPORT the SUNSET Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. The National LICENSURE COMPACT arrangement would allow for reciprocity of licensure across state lines. I believe that this reciprocity will facilitate the ability of PT's and PTA's to move from state-to-state without having state-based licensure impediments. I recently had to be licensed in California despite 36 years as a licensed physical therapist in Texas. The process took over one year to accomplish. I felt that my experience and education was more than sufficient to gain licensure in California. I spent a few hundred dollars and many hours gaining licensure. Now licensed in two (2) states, if I decide to move to New York, I would need to go through the process again. What about PT's who live on the board between two or three states? The time and energy to gain access to licensure in more than one state is unnecessary. The time is now to be proactive and join the National LICENSURE COMPACT.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: In addition, I OPPOSE the recommendation to discontinue the excellent, well-run Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) program administration away from the TPTA and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE). I OPPOSE the recommendation to remove the statutory authority (law) that would prohibit the TBPTE from engaging in any future such arrangements, written in your own words. CCAP is a collaborative program between the TBPTE and the TPTA. CCAP involves Physical Therapy professionals in a wide variety of specialty areas using a double-blind professional review process. The CCAP program run through the TPTA with the ultimate goal to provide for public protection. I OPPOSE discontinuation of the CCAP program away from the TPTA and TBPTE. The quality of this program will help to ensure patient safety through evaluation of continuing education.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree