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

Oppose 1.1 Discontinuing Facility Registration: Although changes may need to be made, some form of regulation over private offices should be maintained, other than simply paying a fee. The public is not protected by total elimination of this process.

Support 2.1 This would allow other qualified practitioners to fill positions needed in Texas as long as they are qualified and licensed in another participating state. With proper rules and regulations this would help some Texans have service where full time therapists are not available., e.g. travelling therapists who work here for a limited time.

Oppose 3.2 The CCAP approval system for CE is one which works well and saves the state money. I am one of over 100 experienced and credentialed therapists who have served in this effort for many years. Evaluation of applications received in this program have insured that we have proper and high quality courses taught that give therapists proper training to improve their service to citizens in their clinics.

I have read and support most of the points made by TPTA in their position paper submitted to the Commission. I especially support the continuance of the TBPTE for another 12 years. Having served 6 years on the TBPTE from 1979-1985 I know that this group is effective in protecting the citizens of Texas in this professional area of practice.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe that it is finally time that the requirement that a citizen be required to have the referral of a physician, chiropractor, PA, podiatrist or dentist should be eliminated. Physical Therapists are now educated on the Doctoral level and are well qualified to work on their own. Patients, now, have to go to another professional, who many times have less knowledge about physical therapy to get a referral slip which many times simply says "Evaluate and Treat". This costs them or their insurer extra money just to be able to come into a clinic to be evaluated and a treatment plan made and treatment begun. I have practiced for 62 years and have worked in multiple facilities and types of practice, including the USAF and have watched the profession grow. Therapy education now has grown to the point that this hindering requirement needs to be

removed, like 47 of the 50 states have already done. Ample evidence can be presented that shows this is successful in these 47 states and Texas should join that group. We have been hindered in the Legislature by physicians who benefit from this present requirement due to the fact they own and operate physical therapy facilities and feel they would be financially impacted by such a change. That is not protecting the public but putting their own welfare first. We faced this battle with our initial license law as Texas was the last of the 50 states to license PTs. Please help correct this problem. Methods are available to bring existing long term therapists up to present standards, should that be a blocking point. I strongly support the removal of the restriction of service to citizens of Texas as the law presently requires.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree