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**Sent:** Friday, December 02, 2016 3:26 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Physical Therapy Board

Good afternoon,

My name is Ommar Ortuvia, and I am a licensed and practicing physical therapist with Texas Children's Hospital in Houston, and I am writing to you in regards to Recommendation 4.1 from the Sunset Review regarding the elimination of our state's physical therapy (PT) board.

I believe that the current proposal of moving the PT board to become part of the TDLR will be disastrous in regards to our profession's operations and handling of professional and sensitive issues in regards to patient care and all associated ethical, legal, and clinical concerns that come with it.

Given that our profession requires a doctorate level education, we must ensure that the proper organization can meet the needs of all physical therapists in the state. If any type of disciplinary action or complaint is filed against a colleague, it is only natural that their case be heard and acted upon by a peer, someone who understands all the ins and outs of our profession, and not by someone who has only a vague understanding of such matters.

Texas is unique in that it allows patients direct access to physical therapists for an initial evaluation, proving that our profession is getting the professional respect that it deserves when it comes to patient care. Physical therapists are doctors that require a state organization that can meet the needs of their continually evolving requirements within ethical and legal aspects of patient care, like the Texas Medical Board and State Board of Dental Examiners, for example.

I am a proud physical therapist, and a proud Texan, and hope to keep working in this great state that has made me feel professionally confident that I can always receive the assistance needed by the ECPTOTE.

Thank you,

Ommar Ortuvia, PT, DPT, CCI

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