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To: media@sunset.texas.gov; Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: RE: Sunset Commission Review

Dear Mr. Levine,

I am writing to express my discontent with the Sunset commission's current plan to consolidate Physical Therapist practice into the TDLR. I have reviewed the 20 pages of the Sunset Advisory Commission staff report, and as a licensed physical therapist in the state of Texas, I am shocked that this is even being considered. Physical Therapy is a doctoring profession, with all of our graduates in the state of Texas earning a licensed Doctor of Physical Therapy degree. To consider that this type of essential health care practice would be relegated to the same agency that regulates tow truck operators, well-diggers, and auto parts salvage dealers, is appalling. A few comments as to why this is an affront to my professional license and extremely bad idea for my patients, the tax payers of the state of Texas:

- The TDLR Commissioners do not have the necessary command of medical information or physical therapist practice to make appropriate decisions involving patient care delivered on a routine basis.
- The TDLR consolidation will cost more for tax payers and the state of Texas. This is due to the unmistakable fact that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners is cost-efficient, operationally effective, and a well-managed state agency.

In short, I urge you to not consolidate the TBPTE into the TDLR. This action would undoubtedly deliver less for patients and reduce the standard of patient safety for the people of the great state of Texas.

Thank you for your time.

Best regards,
Evan

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