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Good morning,

I am a concerned physical therapist. I live in Houston, Texas and been working as a therapist for more than 20 years. I'm currently working fulltime in one the big faith based hospital here in Houston for more than 15 years. Aside from working fulltime, I'm also enrolled online doing my doctorate in physical therapy (DPT) which I started last year and hoping to graduate by next year. Doctorate in Physical Therapy now takes 7 years to finish. I went back to school to increase my knowledge clinically and serve my patients with excellent and quality care. I am also a wound care certified for 10 years and really love what I do and serve our patient. The importance to our practice especially to the hospital setting where we are involved in discharge planning and working in tandem with nursing and physician for patient's safety and making our recommendation for if the patient needing further therapy and to get them back on their highest functional mobility level as possible. In 2020 vision, that PT will be a doctoral level profession. These are the reasons why consolidation of the TBPTE is not an ideal change. TBPTE is a cost effective organization that operates effectively and managed well by current state agency. It seems likely that the TDLR will cost more, deliver less and possibly reduce patient safety on a statewide basis.

I hope you all will not consider this action of combining our governing/licensing board with TDLR.

Thank you,

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