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From: Partridge, Jamie A
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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My name is Jamie Partridge and I am a physical therapist residing in Pearland, Texas. As a resident of Brazoria county, I appeal to you in opposition of the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

As a physical therapist practicing in the state of Texas, it is important to me that our therapists be held to the highest ethical and clinical standards including but not limited to participation in high-quality continuing education and exceptional clinical care. Clinical care should not only be safe and effective but also provide patients with expert, researched based treatments that exceed that of basic practice in the United States. Through the utilization of the TBPTE board, Texas has met and exceeded my expectations by meeting the aforementioned criteria in a cost efficient manner.

While I understand that the consolidation may seem reasonable to someone outside of the field of physical therapy, it does not provide me with confidence that these very important goals will be met. Only a clinician in my field of physical therapy should make decisions regarding what quality physical therapy looks like in this state. By taking these decisions away from clinicians and giving it to an arbitrary board of individuals, you would be choosing to lower the standard of practice in my field.

On a personal level, I want you to know that I pride myself on being a well-educated, patient centered clinician. I have both my doctorate in physical therapy as well as board certification in orthopedics (which is my area of practice) and utilize my knowledge in both an outpatient clinical setting as well as in a home health setting. I consider it my calling in life to assist patients in healing and reaching their maximal potential in life and have done this whole-heartedly for the past 5 years. While I know that my request to maintain our current board may seem trivial to you, it has served me and my patients very well thus far and it is very important to me that we maintain that level of competence in our field. By taking the decision-making abilities from physical therapists and giving it to individuals with little to no knowledge of my field, you are jeopardizing the level of care that my patients may receive.

This board has efficiently and cost-effectively provided us with entry-level testing for licensure that requires our therapists to meet a minimal competency level that I am comfortable with as well as monitoring our continuing education to ensure that our physical therapists are learning skills that will benefit the patients in their area of practice.

Please do not jeopardize our clients in Harris and Brazoria county or those throughout

the state of Texas by changing a system that not only works, but works well. I ask that you thoughtfully consider the importance of maintaining our TBPTE as an independent and efficient entity and oppose the consolidation to the TDLR. I truly appreciate your consideration in this matter as it is so important to my patients that the quality of care available in Texas be maintained at the highest level.

Respectfully,

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