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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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

Dear Mr. Levine:

The Texas Physical Therapy Practice Act states that a "Physical therapist" is a person who is licensed by the board as a physical therapist and practices physical therapy. The term includes a hydrotherapist, physiotherapist, mechano-therapist, functional therapist, physical therapy practitioner, physical therapist specialist, physical therapy specialist, physiotherapy practitioner, kinesiotherapist, physical specialist, and myofunctional therapist.

Kinesiotherapists, formerly Corrective Therapists, have been a vital component of the Department of Veterans Affairs physical medicine and rehabilitation program for more than 70 years, and are listed in the healthcare provider taxonomy (code #226300000X). Kinesiotherapists are the original exercise specialists, and have a long history of serving throughout the physical medicine and rehabilitation service of the Department of Veterans Affairs. Kinesiotherapy, as defined by the American Kinesiotherapy Association (AKTA), is the application of scientifically based exercise principles adapted to enhance the strength, endurance, and mobility of individuals with functional limitations or those requiring extended physical conditioning.

Kinesiotherapists have provided high quality care to our nation's veterans and do so every day. There are Kinesiotherapists, myself included, who are highly skilled, knowledgeable, experienced, and credentialed in specialty areas such as assistive technology, driver's rehabilitation, seating and mobility, functional capacity evaluation, wellness coaching, and aquatic therapy.

As a Kinesiotherapist here in Texas, I agree with others like me that fundamentally the definition establishes a monopoly, limiting the ability of professions, other than physical therapists, to treat with and recommend physical exercise.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Given the broad definition of physical therapist defined in the Texas Physical Therapy Act (1993), the misleading assertion that kinesiotherapists are regulated under the Texas Physical Therapy Act, and the fact that the act has not been reviewed for 23 years; I respectfully request that the term kinesiotherapist be removed from the definition of a Physical Therapist as part of the Sunset Review.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree