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Agency: EXECUTIVE COUNCIL PHYSICAL THERAPY AND OCCUPATIONAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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

Issue 1: I strongly OPPOSE the recommendation to discontinue registration of physical therapy and occupational therapy facilities. This is a matter of CONSUMER PROTECTION. Without the facility registration, there is no mechanism to ensure that facilities that claim to be providing "PT" have physical therapists providing care. The burden should not be on the public to try to determine if a facility has the trained personnel to be providing what is truly physical therapy. (Additionally, as a resident of Texas and a taxpayer, I take issue with reviewer's description of a nearly \$1 million dollar loss per year as "small").

Issue 2: Support

Issue 3: I strongly OPPOSE the first recommendation - UNLESS the State of Texas intends to hire physical therapists with content expertise to evaluate the appropriateness of the continuing competence course applications. Having someone without expertise "rubber stamp" applications is inappropriate, and does not support the aim of ensuring that physical therapists are taking high quality evidence-based courses. This again is a matter of CONSUMER PROTECTION. Notably, having a HIGHER standard than others should not be a rationale for discontinuing this practice. Additionally, it should be noted that the physical therapist content experts who review proposals do so as volunteers as part of their professional duty.

I agree with the second recommendation for Issue 3. Finger-print based criminal background checks support CONSUMER PROTECTION, and so I of course support it.

Issue 4: Support

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: As mentioned above, I strongly oppose the first recommendation of Issue 3 - unless the State of Texas intends to contract directly with physical therapists with

content expertise to evaluate continuing competency course applications.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree