From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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From: Sigifredo Perez

Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 2:12 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR

Dear Sunset Commission,

I have reviewed the Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report regarding the Health Licensing Consolidation Project. I continue to be in opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

By keeping the TBPTE as an independent agency, it is guaranteed to have decision-makers that have requisite medical knowledge and healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving "hands on" patient care that Physical Therapists routinely deliver. From my 10 years' experience as a practicing PTA, the TBPTE is a cost efficient, operationally effective and well managed state agency. Consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR will lead to the erosion of my profession, minimizing this specialized field of healthcare services.

Please consider my plea to keep the TBPTE as an independent agency

Thanks, Sigi Perez, PTA Director of Rehab

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