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**From:** Karen J. Perry  
**Sent:** Tuesday, November 29, 2016 2:50 PM  
**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Dear Sunset Commission,

I am a Certified Occupational Therapist Assistant who has worked with special needs students in the public school system here in Houston Texas for the last 17 years. I wish to express my concern that we could lose our licensing board and be placed in a grouping of occupations that have little in common with our unique needs as therapists. TBOTE Has supported our needs, has been cost effective, and has supported our medical knowledge and healthcare experience requirements. Our patients would suffer if we did not have the standards that are in place with TBOTE and TBPTE to protect our patients safety.

Please note that I oppose any consolidation of the TBOTE/TBPTE into the TDLR. Please retain the TBPTE /TBOTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years, as was recommended by the sunset staff.

Karen Perry, COTA