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To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

First Name: Colette

Last Name: Pientok

Title: Doctor of Physical Therapy

Organization you are affiliated with:

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing in opposition to the proposal to place the PT and OT licensing board under the TDLR including creating an advisory board for the health professions. As a professional and a Physical Therapist for 32 years I view this as a threat to our practice act. The other "healthcare" providers that may be included in this panel are not similar to our profession and for many years one, the chiropractors, have been consistently lobbying to limit our treatment abilities. Our board as it stands is set up to oversee our two similar professions and has been doing an excellent job for many years. I recently completed my doctoral education and feel that this move could ultimately change how physical therapists in Texas are allowed to practice. If this happens, we may lose PT's and OT's to other states which allow us to practice to our full capacity.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the OT and PT licensing boards as they are presently.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
Subject: FW: Sunset commission proposal to place PT and OT licensing board under TDLR - I speak opposed to this.
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From: Pientok, Colette [mailto:Colette.Pientok@memorialhermann.org]
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Subject: Sunset commission proposal to place PT and OT licensing board under TDLR - I speak opposed to this.

Sunset Commission Members,

I am respectfully asking you to consider this decision very carefully as could it truly change how I am able to care for my patients.

As a practicing PT for 32 years I have seen many states advance to have a more evolved and patient centered practice of physical therapy than what is allowed in Texas. Many therapist continue to question whether to stay in Texas or move to a state where they can truly practice at the doctoring level. The move to place our PT and OT licensing board into the TDLR once again is a threat to my practice in Texas.

The possibility of our board becoming an "advisory panel" composed of unlike providers and providers that have over the years posed serious threats to our ability to practice that in what we were educated and are extremely competent to perform.

Our PT and OT licensing board has done an amazing job of keeping our unique professions current and relevant. It is imperative that you have individuals that understand the profession they oversee. If combined with other providers that have largely varied practices (not all "healthcare" is the same) and to lump these into one Health Professions area of TDLR does a disservice to each and every provider group that is not similar to the others. It also could alter what is provided to the people to Texas.

Once again I respectfully ask that you vote to leave the PT and OT Licensing Board an independent board. I worked hard to earn my clinical doctorate and if practice in Texas becomes more limited, I and many other PT's may decide to practice in a state where our profession can better service our patients.

Thank you for your time.

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