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From: James Poenitzsch
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To whom it may concern,

My name is James Poenitzsch, a physical therapist in League City, Texas, and I practice in an outpatient orthopedic clinic. I have recently graduated with my doctoral degree in physical therapy in May of 2016, passed my Texas licensure exam in July, and have been practicing for approximately 6 months. I am also a certified strength and conditioning specialist, and I'm currently participating in a pre-fellowship course to become a certified orthopedic manual therapist.

I am writing to urge this review board to not consolidate TBPTE into TDLR. Firstly, the sacrifice of our patient's safety should not come at the price of this budget cut & consolidation. The TDLR commissioners lack the medical knowledge & healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving patient care that physical therapists routinely deliver. Secondly, the consolidation will in turn cost more, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas. Currently, the TBPTE is a cost-efficient, operationally effective, and well-managed state agency. My own concerns/questions about my professional licensure were very promptly addressed & answered. I cannot imagine this process improving by consolidating with TDLR.

As Doctors of Physical Therapy (DPT) we require our own state agency to govern & make decisions on our behalf as well as the patients we serve. We cannot rely on a generic all-encompassing agency to make the important decisions that affect us & our patients on a daily basis. Please consider keeping the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years as was recommended by the Sunset staff.

Thank you,
James Poenitzsch, PT DPT, CSCS