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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

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

As a student in the state of Texas I support the adoption of the physical therapy licensure compact. I grew up in Texas and am now receiving my doctoral education here and therefore taking my licensure exam here. Yet, I do not know where life will take me after these 3 years or where my husband will have job opportunities. The ability to cross states using the same license makes much sense and will allow us as physical therapists to be more prevalent in locations.

I also support the repeal of referral requirement for physical therapy. As a current student and now seeing the depth of differential diagnosis we receive, we are fully educated as DPT's on how to differential diagnosis and screen for red flag's within the health field. We do not want direct access as a power source but as an availability source to our patient's who say just roll an ankle, no pop, and need treatment. Our schedule availability is much greater than most doctors as well so we want to be able to see these patients in a more efficient quick manner than they are often seen my doctors. We are knowledgable and not treat any patient that is outside of our scope of practice. We will still refer out when needed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Listen to the PT's and SPT's that this is affecting the most. We are the one's with the greatest knowledge of our field and what we are capable of.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree