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From: Purcell, Nicholas
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: PT Licensure Board Consolidation

As a Doctor of Physical Therapy in Houston, Texas I strongly oppose the consolidation of the PT Licensure board into TDLR. The TDLR consolidation would impact the quality of patient safety in our clinical settings across the state and erode the profession of Physical Therapy by reducing the ability of Physical Therapists to govern the practice. The Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners should be retained as an independent state agency for the next 12 years (as was recommended on multiple occasions by the sunset staff).

As a physical therapist I have attended 7 years of higher education (4 undergraduate college and 3 doctoral years) and a 1 year residency to specialize in sports physical therapy. I have been practicing in Texas for a year and a half and continue to see our profession grow to meet the needs of our patients. ***Physical Therapists work in a large multitude of settings including sports, orthopedics, pediatrics, public school systems, women's health, geriatrics, aquatics, acute/inpatient care, nursing homes, home healthcare, etc. With such a LARGE variety of settings and practices inside my profession it only makes sense to have our own independent state agency (TBPTE) to ensure the quality and safety of our patients seeking care. Furthermore, the TDLR commissioners do not have the necessary medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions that affect every-day care that PTs deliver. The TBPTE is cost-effective and well-managed agency that provides a much needed service to the public health in Texas. The TDLR consolidation will cost more money, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas.***

I urge you for the safety of the public and the patients that I see as a pediatric sports physical therapist to NOT allow consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR.

Sincerely,

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