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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:
Having earned the credentials of Doctor of Physical Therapy from a Texas school of higher education, I OPPOSE consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR. The TBPTE is currently cost-efficient, well managed, and operationally effective as illustrated in the Sunset Staff Report.

The negative indication noted on page 8 (or 16 of 31) of "almost 30% of the staff are eligible for retirement" is not a justification for abolishment of such an agency already in existence which represents what the Sunset Staff reports as purpose in its Introduction-"a lean, high-quality state government."

If the TBPTE employed more than 25 staff, it is not likely to be listed in the recommendation of the Sunset Staff Report as noted on page 1 (or 9 of 31). However, it's efficiency of doing more with only the staff of 20 has landed the TBPTE in the scope of this Report.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:
The TBPTE is currently regarded as lean, high quality and efficient as noted in Sunset Staff Report on the Health Licensing Consolidation Project on (A) page 5 (or 13 of 31) the table illustrating the effectiveness of complaint handling, lack of barriers to licensure; (B) in Appendix A page 17 under Enforcement, the average days to resolve complaints were the lowest for PTs and OTs, compared to other licensing agencies.

The Alternative is to retain the TBPTE as an independent agency for the next
12 years, adding fingerprinting for background checks for compliance with Legislature.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree