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From: Deb Richardson
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Dear Sunset Advisory Commission,

As a physical therapist with 34 years of experience, I strongly oppose the proposed plan to consolidate the TBPTE into the TDLR. I support to retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years. While I understand the reasons you would consider the TDLR to be an improvement, would you also please consider the reasons to retain the TBPTE, which is already a cost-efficient and effective operation? To maintain our state's high standard of patient care and safety, physical therapists require a board of individuals with medical knowledge and healthcare experience. It is my understanding the TDLR Commissioners lack such expertise. Further, the TDLR consolidation will result in an increased cost while providing less for our professionals and patients. As a physical therapist with licensures in multiple states, I have evidenced the decline of the physical therapy profession in states where one state entity regulated licensure. The state entity merely regulates licensure and doesn't address professional issues. In contract, my experience with the current TBPTE has been prompt and effective to resolve professional questions and licensure requirements. Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Sincerely,

Debra Richardson, PT, MBA

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