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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
Sent: Tuesday, June 21, 2016 4:53 PM  
To: Sunset Advisory Commission  
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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Marsha

Last Name: Rutland

Title: PT, ScD, MEd,OCS

Organization you are affiliated with:

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City: Abilene

State: Texas

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

I am a physical therapist who has been practicing in the State of Texas x 37 years. I teach in a doctor of physical therapy graduate program as well as practice as a part time clinician in an outpatient setting.

I only represent myself, as a physical therapist professional and am not speaking for another organization.

I thank you for your review of our profession. I support your recommendation that our Texas Board of PT examiners join the national Licensure compact. It would allow greater reciprocity for our PTs and PTAs to work in states close to Texas. So many of our therapists work in small rural areas, then cross the border to work in Oklahoma or New Mexico. This would certainly assist in patient care by allowing therapists to provide timely therapy without jumping through all the paperwork required on each state board.

I thank you for the recommendations for the Continuing Competence approval Program (CCAP) . I respectfully disagree with the recommendation and oppose the recommendation to remove the statutory authority that would prohibit TBPTE from engaging in any future such arrangements. This organization is run extremely well and efficiently. All continuing education program are scrutinized with a double blinded professional review process. Over 100 doctoral trained PT professional in 22 distinct medical specialty areas are involved in this process. Continuing Competence is not easily achieved. By this stiff review process, this CCAP program does achieve its very purpose of providing education that provides for public protection. I am proud to be a physical therapist in this state where we are held to high standards of service to the public.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue with the Texas Board of PT Examiners joining the National Licensure Compact . Please continue with the Continuing Competence Approval Program under h Texas Board of PT Examiners

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree