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Subject: FW: Combining PT Board with TDLR

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Hello,

I am a Physical Therapist working in a mixed setting in the state of Texas for a little above 2 years now. My work locations include inpatient acute, outpatient and inpatient rehab. I have by Bachelors in PT followed by a Masters. I am also currently a student for the Transitional DPT from which I graduate this fall. The reason I am doing my doctorate is for being an autonomous doctoring professional.

I would like to oppose the combining of the TBPTE with the TDLR as the TBPTE is a fully functioning well managed agency. Also I do not agree that decisions for our board can be made by someone like the TDLR commissioners who do not have a clear cut idea of the services we provide as PT's. We are capable of standing by ourselves as all PT's will be having a doctorate soon based on APTA's vision 2020, thus we can function autonomous.

Best,

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