From: Sekito, Mary Jane F. (HOU) Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 3:07 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission Subject: TBTPE RETENTION AS AN INDEPENDENT STATE AGENCY

To whom it may concern:

I am a PT working for the MEDVAMC for 6 years now and I have been a practicing licensed physical therapist since 1990 here in the USA.

In order for me to retain my licensure I have to attend 30 hours of seminars/training/conferences every 2 years in addition to on the job training here at the VA annually. I firmly believe that in order for us to be guided professionally and be held accountable for continued education as well as avoiding fraudulent licensing for the benefit of our patients that the TBPTE should remain an independent agency.

In summary, I OPPOSE the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years as was recommended on initially by the Sunset staff.

Sincerely yours,

Mary Jane Sekito, P.T.