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To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
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From: Lisa Seller-Simon
Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 3:37 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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To Whom it May Concern:

I am writing to you to express my concern over the TBPTE being consolidated into the TDLR. I strongly oppose this consolidation and recommend that the TBPTE remain an independent state agency for the next 12 years.

First, I would like to inform you of the extent of my experience in the PT field. I graduated in 1997 from the one of the nation's top schools for physical therapy -- Texas Women's University in Houston's premier medical center. I hold a Master's of Science in Physical Therapy. I have practiced in almost all settings from inpatient hospitals to worker's comp, home health and now an orthopedic outpatient setting. I presently direct and manage a privately-owned clinic.

As a result, I have seen and experienced the dramatic change in this field over the past two decades. At the time I graduated, it was enough to have a master's degree. However, in recent years, that degree is essentially obsolete. Physical therapists now graduate with a doctorate degree as the field has advanced extensively. We treat in a greater variety of ways with much more advanced techniques; the required knowledge base to treat effectively and up-to-date has expanded incredibly. Because the TDLR does not have extensive experience in the medical field, there is great risk for faulty decision making that could result in harm to the patients we treat in the field of physical therapy. It would be very remiss of me not to express this concern.

I also do not think that consolidating the TBPTE in the TDLR is financially advantageous to either party. The TBPTE has shown itself to be operationally effective and financially cost-efficient. It has been well managed and actually resolves its complaints in over 40% less time than the TDLR. The TBPTE resolves complaints in 127 days vs the TDLR in 217 days. This is obviously a remarkable difference. Consolidation would most probably mean even greater time for complaint resolution. This would not be considered acceptable in the medical field.

I have many more reasons for my respectful conclusion that to consolidate is not in the best interest of the public's funds or safety. I strongly urge you to consider my opposition to this

proposal and allow the TBPTE to remain an independent state agency for the next 12 years.

Sincerely,

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