

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 10:07:13 AM

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 9:54 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

First Name: Christopher

Last Name: Shields

Title: Doctor of Physical Therapy

Organization you are affiliated with: Ironman Sports Medicine Institute--Memorial Hermann

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am a physical therapist and currently practice in the outpatient setting. I am strongly opposed to the consolidation of the physical therapy licensing board into a portion of the TDLR. It is imperative that our licensing board consist of health professionals who are active in our profession and who actively seek to further our profession. If our board is combined into the TDLR, it is likely that our best practice guidelines and practice act could be governed over by individuals that would have no working knowledge of physical therapy or the best course of advancement for our profession. In addition, this consolidation could possibly allow individuals on our advisory board that might seek to dismantle or limit our profession. The physical therapy licensing board should be composed of therapists in order to keep the focus of our profession on the well-being of the patients we treat.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that we leave the PT and OT licensing boards intact the way that they currently are.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree