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As a future Occupational Therapy practitioner, it is important to me that the field of Occupational Therapy continues to deliver the best care to Texans. I am writing to ask that the Commission adopt Recommendation 4.1 from the original report on EPTOTE and TBOTE and to not include these entities in a recommendation for consolidation within TDLR. As the April report stated, "the executive council has been a stable, well-run agency with an experienced, capable staff." The report indicated that the cost to move the TBOTE to TDLE would be \$440,000 and no savings or reductions were able to be identified thereafter.

In its current state, TBOTE is able to provide timely licensure, complaint resolution and protect confidential client information. Since 1993, EPTOTE has included more public members on its Board than professional members, maintaining a balanced oversight of the profession and avoiding potential anti-trust violations.

The inclusion of TBOTE in TDLR would be an expensive and unnecessary measure that would do little to improve the delivery of needed therapy services to Texans. I ask that you adopt Recommendation 4.1 from the original report on EPTOTE and TBOTE and to not include these entities in a recommendation for consolidation within TDLR. "

Thank you for your time and consideration over this important matter.

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