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Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Allison

Last Name: Smith

Title: Physical Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Harris Health System

Email:

City: Houston

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I support the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. This would allow physical therapists and physical therapist assistants to work in other states without having to waste time and money jumping through hoops to get licensed in those states. Reciprocity of licensure would make it easier for therapists who travel with sports teams to continue to care for their athletes when they have to travel outside of Texas. It would also help travel therapists who take jobs in different states, as well as therapists who live on the Texas border who would like to care for patients who live nearby but in a different state.

I support the recommendation to repeal the referral requirement for physical therapy treatment. The only thing a referral does is limit patient access.

Repealing the referral requirement would not change the scope of practice of a physical therapist. Physical therapists in 47 other states have been treating without referrals and it has been proven to be safe and cost effective.

I oppose the recommendation to strip the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) program administration away from the Texas Physical Therapy Association and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners. I also oppose the recommendation to remove the law that would prohibit the TBPTE from engaging in similar arrangements in the future. CCAP is an important program that helps the TBPTE and TPTA protect the public by ensuring therapists are competent to practice and that their knowledge and skills are current with professional standards.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: NA

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree