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Good afternoon,

I am writing to express my fervent OPPOSITION to consolidating the OT and PT Licensing boards under the TDLR. It has been the recommendation of the Sunset committee to keep individual licensing boards for both physical therapy and occupational therapy for over 12 years.

Having been an occupational therapist for almost 20 years, I have encountered many concerns over licensing, ethics, and regulations. During that time, it has always been easy to pick up the phone and contact the board directly for guidance. I am concerned about the ability to retain that level of access to a board, in which the bureaucracy will increase should this move occur.

Also, the ability of our profession to regulate and administer the practices of our profession should remain autonomous, so as to not have regulation from persons less educated on the role, scope and application of our profession.

I do agree with the need to have background checks, fingerprint checks, and standardized systems in place to handle applications/complaints/concerns, I do believe there are alternate solutions that will accommodate the streamlining of processes.

Thank you in advance for your consideration,

Susan Case Smith, OTR