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Sunset Commission,

As a 1st year student in the Doctor of Physical Therapy program at Texas Woman's University, I am writing today in opposition of the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR. I believe that it is in the best interest of those in need of physical therapy intervention nationwide, that the TBPTE remain an independent organization, as it has been the previous 12 years.

Though well versed in their individual fields, members of the TDLR do not possess the necessary medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make decisions regarding the daily treatment of patients. Physical therapists are faced with important dilemmas each day, that must be handled using tools gained through a very specific educational and work-related background. Having patient care decisions being made by those who have not achieved this baseline of information, would be a disservice to all patients.

This consolidation would jeopardize the entire vision of the American Physical Therapy Association, which is 'transforming society by optimizing movement to improve the human experience.' By being less cost-effective and providing a lower quality of care, the hope for improvement of an individual's overall existence will be greatly diminished.

Please take these comments into consideration for the betterment of current and future patients of physical therapy, and society as a whole.

Thank you,
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