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To whom it may concern:

I am a physical therapist with over 15 years of experience. I currently work in a hospital based outpatient facility in Allen, Texas. I hold a Masters of Science degree in Physical Therapy and will graduate with my Doctor of Physical Therapy degree in just over two weeks.

As an experienced therapist, I strongly oppose the consolidation of the Texas Board of PT Examiners under the TDLR. I feel it is best to leave the Texas Board of PT Examiners as an independent agency. It is already run in a cost-efficient manner and patient complaints are handled in a timely manner. I do not believe that the TDLR Commissioners have the necessary knowledge and background to make decisions regarding patient care in a physical therapy setting. Without the necessary knowledge specific to physical therapy, patient safety could be negatively impacted. This is not a good proposal for the PTs of this state, and it is not a good proposal for the physical therapy patients of this state.

Thank you,

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