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To whom it may concern,

I have been a licensed PT in the State of Texas for 29 years. In addition to my Bachelor's degree, I sought out additional training and received my Doctorate of Physical Therapy in 2014. I have worked in several areas of PT (always in TX), but have practiced in pediatrics and school-based PT for the past 19 years.

After having read the Sunset' review and recommendation, it seems that the agency is run very efficiently and effectively, while being fiscally responsible to the stakeholders of Texas. If our board is consolidated, there will be commissioners making decisions about my profession, of which, they don't have a good working knowledge. This in turn could very well reduce the quality and safety of patient care and potentially increase state costs, rather than savings.

I oppose the consolidation of my professional board- TBPTE into TDLR. Our profession is now a doctorate level which is vastly different than the other licensed professions currently under the TDLR. As a medical profession, we need medically knowledgeable Board members making decisions for our profession. We also need knowledgeable board members to help enforce & investigate complaints for our specialized profession.

I implore the Sunset Commission to leave TBOTE/TBPTE in tact, and functioning as an independent state agency, as recommended by the Sunset staff.

TBOTE/TBPTE can make necessary changes as suggested in the review by the Sunset staff and continue to be a highly effective state agency that will protect our professions and uphold our Act/Rules to allow for safe, effective patient care.

Thank you for your time and consideration in this extremely critical decision.

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