From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

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Agency: HEALTH LICENSING CONSOLIDATION PROJECT

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am adamently opposed to including the physical and occupational licensing board in the health consolidation project. Our professionals work in a variety of settings, spanning from acute to outpatient and private practice. Oversight of such a spectrum requires a specific level of knowledge and insight into our profession to accommodate the differences in practices. Chiropractors, marriage counselors, or optometrist- professionals who primary work on an outpatient basis- may not understand the nuances of all the settings. Their decision making based on an outpatient clientele would negatively impact the practice of those in an inpatient setting.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue to have the PT/OT licensing board oversee its professionals as a separate entity.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree