

April 29, 2106

Mr. Ken Levine,
Director
Sunset Advisory Commission
P.O. Box 13066
Austin, TX 78711-3066

RE: Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report – Executive Council of Physical and Occupational Therapy Examiners – Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners

Dear Mr. Levine:

The American Occupational Therapy Association (AOTA) is the national professional association representing the interests of more than 213,000 occupational therapists, occupational therapy assistants, and students of occupational therapy. The practice of occupational therapy is science-driven, evidence-based, and enables people of all ages to live life to its fullest by promoting health and minimizing the functional effects of illness, injury, and disability.

On behalf of AOTA, I am writing to support the recommendations of the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report on the Texas Board of Occupational Therapy Examiners. AOTA supports the state regulation of occupational therapy as a means to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the public. Continued licensure of occupational therapists and occupational therapy assistants is essential to ensure the highest quality of healthcare is being provided to the people of Texas.

Thank you for the opportunity to comment on the report. Please contact me at cvogeley@aota.org if you have questions or need additional information about AOTA's comments.

Sincerely,



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cc: Judy Skarbek, MSRS, OTR
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