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From: Bailey Vrazel
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Concerned Student Physical Therapist

Dear Sunset Commission,

I am a third year Doctor of Physical Therapy student at Texas Woman's University in Houston, Texas.

I am emailing to share some of my concerns I have about the proposal to combine the current PT board (TBPTE) with TDLR. I strongly recommend that the TBPTE stay an independent state agency.

My first concern is that the TDLR commissioners do not have the proper medical knowledge or specific healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions involving patient care that is delivered by physical therapists. I personally am pursuing my doctoral level degree in physical therapy and feel that I have been provided with exceptional knowledge and clinical skills that I would love to implement into my future practice. However, if not regulated by like-minded and similarly trained professional I am afraid that this way of practice may be threatened or limited to some extent, which directly affects patient care.

Another reason I oppose consolidating TBPTE into TDLR is because it will cost more and reduce the overall standard of patient safety in Texas. I believe we have a responsibility ultimately to our patients to provide the best care possible.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email and take into consideration my concerns as a future physical therapist.

Best Regards,
Bailey Vrazel, SPT