From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

Subject: FW: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local]

Sent: Sunday, June 19, 2016 6:19 PM To: Sunset Advisory Commission

Subject: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Agency: TEXAS BOARD PHYSICAL THERAPY EXAMINERS

First Name: Sigourney

Last Name: Weathers

Title: Student Physical Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Texas Woman's University

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: My name is Sigourney Weathers. Currently I am finishing up my second year as a student physical therapist at Texas Woman's University. I support the Sunset Commission's recommendation that the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners join the national Licensure Compact. This arrangement would allow for reciprocity of licensure across state lines and facilitate the ability of PT's and PTA's to move from state-to-state without having to jump through state-based licensure impediments. It would also require every therapist in the United States be unified on tested material to insure we are all learning and practicing the same way.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I oppose the recommendation to strip the Continuing Competence Approval Program (CCAP) program administration away from the TPTA and the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners (TBPTE) as well as oppose the recommendation to remove the statutory authority that would prohibit the TBPTE from engaging in any future such arrangements. The CCAP program insures the very purpose for which the TBPTE exists . Removing these checks and balances could decrease the autonomy and public protection that the current physical therapy patient possesses.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree