

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Cecelia Hartley](#)
Subject: FW: Oppose Consolidation of TBPTE
Date: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 12:17:09 PM

From: Jessica West
Sent: Tuesday, November 29, 2016 11:52 AM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Oppose Consolidation of TBPTE

Hello,

My name is Jessica West. I am a third year Doctor of Physical Therapy Student at Texas Woman's University in Houston, Texas. I will be completing my final internship placement this spring at Children's Memorial Hermann Hospital in the Texas Medical Center where I will treat infants in the neo-natal ICU and older children in the pediatric ICU. In light of dwindling funds for pediatric conditions it is more important than ever that Physical Therapists be able to deliver safe, quality, and efficient care.

I am writing to encourage the legislature to ***oppose the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR and retain the TBPTE as an independent state agency for the next 12 years---as was recommended on by the Sunset staff.***

The consolidation of the TBPTE is not a functional plan. TDLR Commissioners do not have the requisite medical knowledge or healthcare experience to make appropriate decisions affecting patient care. Physical Therapy is a unique medical profession. We spend more hands on time with patients than any other profession and empower them to take control of their own health. Our goals and means of health care delivery are vastly different from those of other health care professions. As a doctoring profession we require specialized oversight. Both our profession and our patients would be ill-served by the TDLR.

The TBPTE is a cost-efficient, operationally effective, and well-managed state agency. Consolidation with TDLR would cost more, deliver less, and reduce the standard of patient safety in Texas.

Thank you for your time. I hope you keep patient safety and quality of care at the forefront of your mind as you make this decision.

Sincerely,

Jessica Jane West
Student Physical Therapist, Grad III
Texas Woman's University