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**From:** Whitworth, Linda L  
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**To:** Sunset Advisory Commission  
**Subject:** Opposition to the consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR

Members of the Sunset Commission:

I am a Physical Therapist, and I have been practicing for forty years, obtaining both orthopedic and manual therapy certification. I write in opposition to the consolidation of the Texas Board of Physical Therapy Examiners with a generalized licensing board. The function of this Board as it exists is very important to patient safety, as the need for medical background is pertinent in ruling on practice and ethical issues. The TBPTE has been cost-effective throughout its years of existence. It has performed its function of monitoring the profession and has been well managed. It would not necessarily result in a more efficient agency to lump this board with unrelated entities. It is in the best interest of the public to keep this board independent.

Thank you for your consideration.  
Sincerely,  
Linda L. Whitworth, PT, OCS

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