From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: Opposition to consolidation of the TBPTE into the TDLR

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From: Jay Winkelhaus

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Hello,

My name is Dr. John Winkelhaus, and I have been a practicing physical therapist in Bastrop, Texas for four years. I understand that the sunset review is considering combining the TBPTE and TDLR. I believe this is a bad idea for the health of Texas residents, and would like to voice my opposition.

Despite their best intentions, the TDLR commissioners do not have the requisite knowledge or training to make decisions regarding the health of patients, especially when it comes to hands-on patient care routinely provided by physical therapists.

The TBPTE is better suited for this role, and has been an efficiently run entity since its inception. It is the best option for maintaining patient safety in our state.

Thank you,

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