From: Sunset Advisory Commission

To: <u>Cecelia Hartley</u>

Subject: FW: PT Board Sunset Review

**Date:** Monday, November 28, 2016 2:55:47 PM

From: Kelly Wright

Sent: Monday, November 28, 2016 2:37 PM

To: Sunset Advisory Commission Subject: PT Board Sunset Review

Hello,

My name is Kelly Wright and I am a DPT student preparing to graduate next month. I wanted to contact the Sunset Review Board to express my concern for the proposed consolidation of the PT Board with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation (TDLR).

I believe that putting the governance of physical therapists in the hands on non-PTs would be detrimental to the growth and future of our profession. The major issues facing our profession over the past several years, including but not limited to transition to a doctorate level program and advocation for direct access for patients, requires a detailed level of knowledge of PT practice and guidelines that only a PT can provide. In addition, the PT Board has a proven track record of efficiency that exceeds that of the current TDLR.

Please heed the concerned messages of your constituents leading up to your next meeting. I deeply appreciate your support. Feel free to contact me for further information on the negative impacts this proposed change could have on my profession.

Sincerely,

Kelly Wright