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Representative Hugo Berlanga State Capitol P.O. Box 2910 Austin, Texas 78769

May 13, 1986

Dear Hugo,

I have obtained information as you requested and have enclosed the following for your review:

- 1) Financial history of Texas State Board of Physical Therapy Examiners
- 2) Appropriated amounts by 69th Legislature for FY 1986-87
- ,3) FY 1986 Physical Therapy Board Operating Budget
- 4) Year to Date to 4/24/86 detailed expenses
- 5) Semi-annual Performance and Fund Management Report FY 1986
- 6) Historical information FY 1982-1983 requesting emergency funds
- 7) Request for emergency funds FY 1985 from Governor Mark White
- 8) Sums of emergency funds 1982-1985
- 9) 1986-1987 Budget Request
- 10) Agency Activity/Salary Study

As you can determine from these documents, the Physical Therapy Board has not been appropriated adequate fundings for agency expenditures including agency operation costs, investigations of consumer complaints regarding alleged violations of the Practice Act, per diem and travel reimbursements to Board members to adequately meet their Board/Committee responsibilities, and possible enforcement proceedings. Additionally, our agency Executive Director does not have an equitable and competitive salary to other comparable agency directors.

Historically, this agency has deposited to the State Treasury, licensure fees which greatly exceeded the expenditures or appropriations of the agency.

Our Board is presently in a situation where we are not able to meet or carry out our activities as mandated by law. Not only are the members of this Board restricted in fulfilling their responsibilities, but the consumers of the State of Texas are not guaranteed protection from unqualified practitioners and that optimal quality Physical Therapy services are rendered.

The Physical Therapy Board will be meeting on 5/24/86 in Dallas at Love Field, and at that time will be reviewing a budget request for 1988-89 proposed by Lois Smith, Executive Director of the Physical Therapy Board. Ms. Smith will be ready to meet with you at your convenience at any time, however I feel she will be in a better position to discuss the 1988-1989 proposed budget after our meeting in Dallas on May 24. However, I am well aware of our time restrictions to accomplish our financial goals and if you find it necessary to meet with her prior to May 24, then I am cer-

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tain anything can be arranged and you will have access to the information you may need.

Hugo, your assistance in this agency is deeply appreciated. Please call me or Ms. Smith for any additional information you may need. I will be in touch with you regarding any meetings.

Sincerely,

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Secretary