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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I am opposed to the abolition of the Youth Camp Advisory Committee. Having been a summer camp (and youth development) professional for 21 years, it is clear to me that the summer camp industry is complicated and poorly understood by non-camp professionals. Given the importance of camper safety and the potential for positive developmental experiences that quality summer camps provide, it is imperative that state policy receives the benefit of camp professionals.

In short, summer camps entail real complexity. It is unreasonable to assume that the state can fully understand all the critical aspects of summer camps.

So it is reasonable and even necessary to have a group of camp professionals to serve in an advisory role to the state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue the Youth Camp Advisory Committee.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree