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

To the Sunset Commission: I am writing to OPPOSE the Commission's proposal to move the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Being a part of the Department of State Health Services or the Texas Medical Board is the best location for our Advisory board. Please note the following facts:

Athletic Training is recognized by the American Medical Association as a health care profession.

Athletic Trainers are health care professionals who collaborate with physicians.

AT's work directly with patients in the areas of prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions.

As you can see, Athletic Trainers in Texas should not be grouped with other licensed professionals within the Department of Licensing and Regulation. Our concern is that we are a unique group of licensed allied healthcare professionals that are best suited to be under the regulation of the Department of State Health Services or the Texas Medical Board.

United States President, Barak Obama, recently supported an initiative for youth sports safety. The National Athletic Trainer's Association (NATA), in collaboration with the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society, will support a national initiative to place athletic trainers in under served high schools in NFL markets during the 2014 football season.

<http://www.nata.org/nata-news-blog/president-obama-announces-natanfl-collaboration>.

The Youth Sports Safety Alliance and it's members work to ensure that youth athletes have access to health care professionals who are qualified to make assessments and decisions; athletic trainers being the qualified healthcare professional. These members include various medical associations. The list can be found at

<http://www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/allianceMembers>.

Please consider this information while reviewing the proposal on the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: As health care professionals, AT's should not be placed with the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation, rather AT's should remain under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services or moved to the Texas Medical Board.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree