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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to the shifting of the regulation of Athletic Trainers within the State of Texas. Texas has for years been the leader in the regulatory process of Athletic Trainers who have been recognized by the American Medical Association as a pertinent Allied Health Profession. By moving us to the Department of Licensing and Regulation you will deem us to not play as important role in the health and well being of the athlete population that we serve everyday in the High School, College and even Clinical settings. As Athletic Trainers we serve and work closely with numerous Physicians and medical entities to ensure safe and sound medical coverage in times of acute and chronic care. In similar fashion we work at the same level as Physical Therapists to provide both short term and long term rehabilitation to those very same student-athletes. I can tell you that after serving this population here at TCU over the last 30 years, it will be a crime to take a step backwards in terms of our regulatory stature for the sake of just trying to consolidate a few Boards of Licensing. I find it amusing that the Sunset Commission did not think to suggest moving the Physical Therapist to this group was another method of consolidation. I really hope this is not at the center of the political methodology.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would like to strongly recommend that the Sunset Commission re evaluate what exactly this move would do to this level of medical professional and not just lump us with the tax return providers and cosmetologists. The Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers has played an enormous role not only here in Texas, but with the other 48 states (still working on the process in California) that have regulatory processes in place to govern their Athletic Training Professionals. Keep this group under the Department of State Health Services as we have always been. We are a viable medical profession with very competent medical professionals. Our role is to serve our student-athlete population as medical professionals. The state's government should provide us with the resources to maintain our profession and to continue to build upon the relationships that we have with our physicians, hospitals, radiology clinics and physical therapists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree