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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I have been a practicing athletic trainer for 21 years and currently specialize in the treatment of concussion. Concussion has received a lot of publicity of late for the damaging effects people suffer when their concussion is mismanaged or not managed at all. Athletic trainers are an integral part of recognition and proper management for our concussed populations. The athletic trainers I work with, who are the primary contact for interscholastic and intercollegiate athletes with concussion, are invaluable as many of the athletes they treat do not have access to other health care professionals. I believe the profession of athletic training should be regulated as it has been in the State of Texas and not moved under Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. Athletic trainers are considered a health care profession by the American Medical Association and I believe the State of Texas should consider the same.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please leave athletic trainers under the Department of State Health Service where we belong.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree