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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As an high school athletic trainer, the proposed changing of our regulatory agency concerns me. Athletic trainers have come along way in struggles to be recognized as medical/healthcare. I am concerned that changing regulatory agencies will disrupt progress of athletic training jobs and roles. Through the work of TSATA, UIL, TEA, and the Department of State Health Services, rules and laws have been made and changed as a means to keep school-aged athletes in competition and playing under safer guidelines. Changing regulatory agencies potentially creates concern if new agency will work as we'll and as hard for athlete benefits. I do not feel a change is needed, and I hope Sunset gives consideration to this further and not change our regulatory agency. As a high school athletic trainer, I know athletic trainers are the first line, and often the only line of healthcare for athletes. Our profession does not need this change, and we have come too far to fix something that is not broken.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please do not change how athletic trainers are regulated and governed by changing us to a different agency and keep us under Department of State Health Services, especially as our nations' president just recently spoke as to the important role of athletic trainers in prevention and care of youth sports injuries.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree