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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am writing in opposition of the recommendation to move the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers from the Department of State Health Services to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation. The American Medical Association (AMA) recognizes Athletic Training as a health care profession and Athletic trainers as health care providers. Athletic Trainers (AT's) work collaboratively with physicians, and directly with patients in the area of prevention, emergency care, clinical diagnosis, therapeutic intervention and rehabilitation of injuries and medical conditions. 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 supported by the alliance. These members include various medical associations. The list can be found at <http://www.youthsportssafetyalliance.org/allianceMembers> Furthermore, United States President, Barak Obama, recently supported an initiative for youth sports safety. NATA, in collaboration with the Professional Football Athletic Trainers' Society, will support a national initiative to place athletic trainers in undeserved high schools in NFL markets during the 2014 football season. <http://www.nata.org/nata-news-blog/president-obama-announces-natanfl-collaboration>.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

AT's are health care professionals and as such should be regulated by an appropriate entity of the state. I do not believe that the appropriate entity is the TDLR, rather my recommendation is to keep the Advisory Board of Athletic Trainers under the jurisdiction of the Department of State Health Services. If a move is deemed necessary by the commission, I would recommend that such move be made to the Texas Medical Board.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree