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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I wholeheartedly disagree with those who came up with the proposal of deregulating respiratory therapist! Respiratory therapists have saved and are even now saving lives, and without their care, hospitals would greatly suffer. Nurses have their hands full. I have several in my congregation. They are already over worked. As a pastor, in visiting patients in the hospital, I have heard testimonies from families about respiratory therapists that have assisted in critical care of family members and if wasn't for the RT's, their family member would probably not have made it. Children are especially in need of special care when dealing with sickness and disease. I have heard where children relate to the RT's more so than the nurses. This is an asset for parents who want the best for their children. My husband has been diagnosed with COPD and I am very familiar with the needed and qualified care and role of respiratory therapists. I don't know what we would have done without them. They give the one on one care that nurses would struggle to give. I am quite taken aback that this would even be considered by anyone considering that it will affect the lives of hundreds and hundreds of patients and their families that want what is best for their loved ones. I question the wisdom of this decision! I do hope that the Texas Sunset Commission will not be duped by such a poor perspective of a much needed field! We need RT's!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

If this proposal is for financial reasons, I suggest that one look into other areas that will not take away from patient care that is much needed. This greatly concerns me and it is very upsetting that such a proposal is being brought up.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree