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To: <u>Janet Wood</u>

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Issue #3 Streamlining the Medical Radiologic Technology Program Would Increase Fairness to Licensees and Administrative Efficiency

LMRT licensing has multiple facets of categories for licensing. I would combine the categories to limit the extra work for the admin staff.

One of the issues in the state of Texas is the oversaturation of jobs due to techs not having to be fully licensed.

In my opinion, we should be strongly looking at the burden of overexposing the patient/public as well by unregistered techs (NCT's). They are not supervised regularly and do not have to commit to continuing education hours like registered (licensed) radiographers do.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

My recommendation at this time would be to abolish the NCT licensing to protect the public from radiation from unlicensed personnel. Over 4,000

personnel are listed under the NCT and this is increasing the saturation of jobs for MRT's who are licensed and have been taught the principles in radiation safety and public protection.

LMRT licensing is just as saturated but I'd rather have licensed LMRT's who have the training vs NCT's who are not properly monitored or trained.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree