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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Opposed - There are too many walk in clinics and hospitals springing up in the area and enough Radiologic Technologists to maintain public radiation safety and proper imaging of patients in the community. My first point is that discontinuing licensure allows these facilities to cut corners and train MA techs to point and click X-rays while at a lesser pay scale. Of course businesses want to save money which will reduce jobs for RTs. The price for this is suboptimal images, repeats, overexposing radio graphic techniques and patients not being shielded. Discontinuing licensure allows on the job training for MA techs to learn how to push buttons and not be concerned about radiation safety and patient exposure. The lack of education makes them a danger to the community. I have worked in a state that did not have state licensure and the result was full body CT scans in a parking lot for \$500, read by the tech to the patient in a mall parking lot. It degrades our community standards of healthcare. As it is, our state allows NCT and limited certifications which also is lacking in education. Instead of discontinuing state licensure, NCT should be eliminated and the openings for anyone producing radiographs should be adequately trained and licensed as limited or MRT. Also this will probably affect ACR accreditation and Medicare/Medicaid reimbursements.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Remove NCT and continue with limited and MRT.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree