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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to the 2014 Sunset Advisory Commission Staff Report recommendation to discontinue the Department of State Health Services (DSHS) regulatory program for Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) (Issue 3). Most RCPs work in a highly regulated environment such as a hospital, and our program generates little regulatory activity; however, regulatory oversight is not provided by any other state or local regulatory program, and our private-sector accreditation program provides credentialing only, not regulation. Furthermore, while deregulation of RCPs would have an impact on a small percentage of the public, the potential for risk to the health and safety of these people would be severe (for example, those patients on life-support equipment).

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please recommend the transfer of the Respiratory Care Practitioners program to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

Thank you for your consideration.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree