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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission has developed a report recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure and repeal of licensure standards in Texas. I am one of those licensed Radiologic Technologists that have not only met the schooling criteria, but also fulfilled my duties in continuing education and maintaining my knowledge of the field. Texas has always been a state that leads by example in many things; however, this is one of those things that can only affect the state and those citizens in it. I am writing to preserve the Radiologic Technologist licensure. I am writing to voice my opinions and concerns for the welfare of the population. RTs administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, in the lowest dose to patients in order to create medical images and treat cancers and other illnesses. Classes upon classes, credit after credit, I have worked hard to continue excellent care while administering the lowest possible dose. Unlicensed personnel have little to no knowledge about these doses, and although an image can be obtained, it is not safe, ethical, or in the right path for our future. Our licensure preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot fulfill their duties by protecting its citizens from untrained individuals. This is a step backwards for not only Texas, but also for healthcare. Licensure was put in place to protect the people, hold individuals accountable, and continue taking the field in the right direction. I am passionate about this, because this is my career, my future, my patient's care. By stepping aside and letting this report continue, we will watch standards decrease as dosage increases. Quality will degrade which would affect the diagnosis of some of the most deadly diseases including cancer. I DO NOT agree with the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission on any level of their report. It is easy to make these decisions when it doesn't directly affect a group of individuals. The important thing to remember is that we will all age and require medical treatment. We will all sit anxious in a doctor's office awaiting a report. The question will be though, do you trust that individual producing your images to make sure quality and dose are both taken into consideration.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Texas needs to continue state licensure. This is a step backwards to remove something like this. I recommend that Texas follows the standards set forth by the national organization, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists. Continuing education, credentials, and standards could be monitored by this group to hold healthcare technologists to that higher standard.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree