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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: There are numerous reasons to not deregulate RCPs. Public health and safety is the greatest concern. Licensed RCPs are direct patient care providers in hospitals, nursing homes and other patient settings. They are responsible for the setting of ventilators which keep patients alive and for suctioning patients to prevent pneumonia. Surely if we regulate hairdressers, we should be regulating these direct patient care providers? The public expects them to be competent and not have criminal behaviors- without regulation this cannot be managed.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation is not to deregulate RCP's, but for the Respiratory Care Practitioners program to EITHER remain with the DSHS or to be transferred to ther Texas Dept of Licensing and Regulation

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree