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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Holly

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Title: Radiographer

Organization you are affiliated with: ARRT

City: Robert Lee

State: Texas

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

Please do not discontinue the medical radiologic technologist licensure program and do not repeal the license standards in Texas. This move would greatly affect health care in the field of Radiology. You will see a fall in proper radiation protection to our patients. This could have a big effect on healthcare which could possibly lead to patient death. You need to ensure that all radiographers are trained correctly. Please do not do an injustice to our patients in Texas.

- Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.
- Licensed radiologic technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.
- Licensure for radiologic technologists 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 protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Follow all guidelines set up by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree