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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:

To whom it may concern,

I am a licensed radiologic technologist who practices in radiography, computed tomography, nuclear medicine and positron emission tomography. I have been in practice over 31 years and have seen the importance of skilled licensed health care practitioners.

I strongly oppose dropping licensing of medical radiologic technologists and medical physicists. Until a national requirement for properly trained practitioners is in place, the States must provide this vital service to its citizens.

- Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.
- Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, in the lowest dose possible to patients in order to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not know how to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve 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.

Please reconsider and maintain the level of patient safety and quality that DSHS helps ensure.

Respectfully submitted,
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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Better staff the bureau of radiation control, so they may continue to ensure the safety of Texas citizens.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree