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Senator Jane Nelson
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Senator Nelson,

It was with trepidation that I read that the Sunset Advisory Commission has decided that Respiratory Therapists in Texas no longer need to be licensed. We, as a body of professionals, have come to represent a resource of great value within the healthcare community. The deregulation of our profession in Texas represents a step backwards. Without the current level of licensure, the ever tightening regulatory milieu will most certainly cause some short sighted hospital administrators to 'same money' by hiring 'off the street'. Respiratory Therapists have a depth of expertise, through education and experience that cannot be replaced. Please consider my plea to leave Respiratory Therapists out of the Sunset process.

Sincerely



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