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

I would like to make mine and the TSRT position known regarding the Sunset Advisory Commission Report. We strongly oppose any efforts to deregulate radiologic technologists in the state of Texas. Medical imaging procedures can be lifesaving, but conversely cause considerable harm to patients. The Sunset Advisory Report asserts that deregulation of Medical Radiologic Technologists would have little impact on public health and safety. Radiologic technologists are at the forefront of patient safety and quality.

It is our view that deregulation of radiologic technologist recommended by the Sunset Advisory Committee would increase the risk of medical errors and misadministration of radiation.

TSRT would like to highlight these three points listed below:

- 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.

While there is no way to totally eliminate risk, we can reduce the risk for patients receiving medical imaging procedures or radiation treatments in the state of Texas through the licensure of professionals.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave as it currently stands

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree