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

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission's proposal to eliminate licensure standards and licensing programs for Medical Radiologic Technologists is a stance that I feel has not been fully nor competently processed. Doing so would decrease the level of integrity that is present with licensed Radiologic Technologist today. This licensure that could be at the helm of termination ensures that the people of Texas are being treated with and examined by, individuals that have been educated and tested to meet certain standards. These standards were set in place to keep healthcare at optimal levels and healthcare quality is a key factor for most all accrediting bodies. The great State of Texas is known for strict guidelines and standards that set a benchmark unparalleled by other states of our country. Ending these licensure standards would lower the importance and quality of procedures performed by these individuals.

Ionizing radiation (a known carcinogen), once delivered, is something you cannot get back. It's permanence will last a lifetime and if misadministered, can cause life changing effects for the person receiving the dose. Licensed radiologic technologists hold true to the ALARA principle, delivering 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. The cost of repeat imaging and radiation misadministration, both fiscally and physically, will far outweigh any possible benefits that the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission have set forth.

Retaining 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.

I sincerely hope that you listen to the voice of the people of the great state of Texas and the health institutions that care for them, by disregarding any proposal listed to eliminate licensing for Medical Radiologic Technologists. People come to Texas to receive great care and by lowering the standards, you are making this portion of healthcare no better than Oklahoma.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Leave the policy as it stands-

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree