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

I 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. 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. Presently, no federal oversight exists for radiologic technologists; therefore the state of Texas now serves as the last line of defense for consumers of healthcare.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: It is my view that deregulation of radiologic technologist recommended by the Sunset Advisory Committee would increase the risk of medical errors and misadministration of radiation. 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.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree