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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Certified Respiratory Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: National Board for Respiratory Care

City: Dayton

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I oppose the move to deregulate the position of Respiratory Care Practitioner. To have unlicensed professionals overseeing the maintenance of machines and practices that sustain and protect a function so vital as breathing is a scary proposition. It is further perplexing that as more states move toward increasing requirements to enter the profession of respiratory therapy, Texas would be considering the exact opposite.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue to allow respiratory care to be a position that is regulated by the state and protect the lives of those we care for by ensuring the highest standard of care is maintained.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree