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Dear Texas Sunset Commission:

I am a (nuclear medicine technologist, nuclear medicine physician, radiologist, medical physicist, etc.) writing in OPPOSITION to the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report - Issue 3 - recommendation to discontinue medical radiologic technologist licensing.

Tell your story! Tell how you help the patients of Texas and the radiologists. Explain how your education and training keep the patients of Texas safe and that you deliver high quality healthcare services. Explain that by licensing RTs in Texas, it ensures that all patients are receiving radiological care from highly-trained individuals.

It is imperative that the State of Texas continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologists.

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met educational and certification standards.

Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, to patients in the lowest dose possible to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not have formalized education to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve quality images or effective treatments.

Licensed radiologic technologists provide radiologists with technically consistent and correctly positioned images, which improve the accuracy of the radiologist's diagnosis. Unlicensed personnel provide inconsistent or improperly positioned images, reducing the diagnostic effectiveness of exams and increasing the need for repeat imaging procedures. Repeat imaging increases radiation exposure and medical costs.

Licensed radiologic technologists adapt procedures and technical factors to each individual patient's needs. The radiologic technologist's training allows for technologists to evaluate the patient's medical status, history, underlying pathologic processes, and physical factors to create a quality diagnostic image or therapy that is truly individualized for each patient. Unlicensed personnel do not have the educational background to critically appraise the individual patient's situation and adapt to the needs of the patient.

Best regards,

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