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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

I do not agree with the proposal of getting rid of MRT licenses in Texas. I feel that if just about anybody can perform xrays, radiation therapy, etc that this would lead to a ton of malpractice lawsuits and that Texas would be liable for. I am adding some other information for you to take into consideration as well. 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.

We are rallying all radiologic technologists in Texas! There will be a Sunset Advisory Committee hearing on June 24-25 in Austin to take public comment and input on the report. Testimony and online comments are needed from technologists across Texas stating why it is important to have licensed imaging and therapy professionals perform ionizing radiation procedures on patients. I strongly encourage radiologic technologists to be there and testify about the need to preserve R.T. licensure to the Committee. ASRT and TSRT is working together to plan strategy for the upcoming meeting and will be posting information as it is available.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not get rid of MRT licenses in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree