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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Opposed to issue 3 regarding licensing of MEDICAL RADIOLOGIC TECHNOLOGIST. We are TECHNOLOGISTS not technicians. A technician is someone who has little or no formal education. We attended colleges and universities to become TECHNOLOGISTS. We have degrees. Our equipment is not regulated or inspected to the point that it is safe to use by an uneducated person. We can xray an infant and an obese patient on the same machine. You have to be educated to know the proper amount of radiation to image each different size patient. A technologist also has to know how to position each and every individual part of the body to get the proper diagnostic image. We are also not heavily supervised. A nurse or a doctor does not stand beside us while we perform our x-rays. Even if they did stand right next to us during each exam they do not have the education to know the first thing about our profession.

There have also been statements made that because we work in hospitals we do not need to be licensed. We do not only work in hospitals. We work in clinics, doctors offices, surgical centers, urgent care centers, and any other entity in the entire state that needs a radiologic technologist. Only hospitals that are joint commission accredited are going to have any rules regarding the hiring of radiologic technologists. A hospital does not have to be joint commission accredited to be in existence. Doctors offices, surgery centers, urgent care clinics, and any other entity that needs radiologic technologists do not have such rules. While other states are tightening their laws requiring radiologic technologists to be licensed, it makes no sense that Texas is trying to take a step backwards. In this state my hairdresser has to have a license. What is the worst that can go wrong with a hairdresser? Uneducated people giving the general public radiation for imaging exams can cause radiation burns and radiation-induced carcinoma. That's cancer. Radiation induced cancer. I ask the commission to speak with actual radiologic technologists in person. I ask that you at least have a discussion with someone from the profession that actually performs these exams. Not an NCT or a limited license technician because these people are not educated enough to be performing these exams in the first place. I also suggest that you make a Texas law that states any person performing radiologic exams be registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologist. Thank you for your time.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the licensing of radiologic technologists. Also make a law that requires all persons performing radiologic examinations to be registered with the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree