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

The essential need to preserve licensure not just for radiographers but also for techs in other modalities here in Texas and in the rest of the nation is an absolute understatement!! I am absolutely shocked to even be emailing my concerns about this to be honest!!!! Nevertheless, I would like to sincerely express my HUGE concern to the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission for considering or even recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program.

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

What a disservice it would be to our community and patients to perform radiologic exams with out any regards to their safety and needs. I dont think that any of us would like ourselves and or any of our loved ones to be placed in the hands of unprofessionals. Patients trust us to do are jobs efficiently, and without any harm. 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. Just letting anyone come in and work any radiology modality with inadequate knowledge and training of patient care and exposure safety is so wrong!

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. Without these basic but extremely important and necessary professional standards, we can not ensure patient safety. Please do not allow just anyone to perform ionizing radiation procedures on patients!!!

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue to preserve licensure for not just

radiologic technologists, but all professions that perform ionizing radiation procedures on patients. I can not emphasize this enough!!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree