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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 would like to state that I am opposed to deregulation of Respiratory Care Practitioners. As a career Respiratory Therapist, I have worked in every area of my profession. I have met some highly skilled practitioners, and clinicians. I realize that other professionals could do some aspects of my discipline, but they cannot do it with the same knowledge, skill and critical thinking that only a seasoned professional can do. The only way to encourage the growth and continued education of respiratory therapists is to continue to require licensure. WE are a valued and integral part of the health care team, and in some instances and situations, the ONLY trained airway provider. If breathing doesn't matter to you, and you can do without it, then feel free to de-regulate our licensure.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I would also recommend a shift to the Department of State Licensure and Regulation from the Department of State Health Services.

Thank you!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree