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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 know your office has been flooded with form letters from Respiratory Care Practitioners from across the state. I have sent some of those same letters.

As an RCP for almost four decades I have only one question. God forbid, if you or one of your family members were hospitalized for a serious illness or accident, would you rather have a trained licensed professional taking care if you, or someone that has a minimal knowledge of how to make a change on your life support equipment?

That is a real possibility if RCP's in Texas are deregulated.

I am very proud of what respiratory care has achieved over the years. I am very proud of what I have been able to accomplish over the past four decades.

It gives me great pride to know that for the past twenty-four years I have been training future respiratory therapists. It would be a shame to see all of this lost if deregulating us were to happen.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Please do not let this happen. We provide a very vital role in the care of critically ill patients and all patients with respiratory ailments.

I would be happy to speak with you more about this if your time allows.

Respectfully,

Michael J. Dickmann, MMS, RRT, RCP

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree