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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Kendal

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Title:

Organization you are affiliated with:

City: Victoria

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I do not think it is right to de-license respiratory therapists. They are trained medical professionals that receive an in depth training on ventilators and other respiratory issues. In my experience in the health care field, some respiratory therapists were able to pick out breathing issues that nursing didn't even notice! I think all medical professionals should be licensed. It is not feasible for a hair dresser to require a license yet someone who takes care of your family members in a life or death situation is not? Just think about the safety of those in the hospital! By de-licensing respiratory therapists you are putting patients life's at risk.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: N/A

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree