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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Opposition to Issue 3 (May 2014 Report). Medical imaging (Xray, Computed Tomography, Nuclear Medicine, Radiation Therapy, Mammography, etc) contributes as much radiation to the general public as natural background radiation. Collective doses have been increasing at an exponential rate for years due to an increased use of Computed tomography (CT) scans. This, in simpler terms, increases the risk of radiation-induced cancers. Why would you seek to de-regulate a profession that clearly poses risks to the general public and our patients? Clearly your report is wrong and misleading when it states that deregulation will have little impact on public health and safety. It does not take a rocket scientist to figure out that a little radiation is bad, too much is deadly. If anything our profession needs more oversight and regulation in order to ensure that qualified and trained individuals are performing this type of work. Radiation use in any field and at any dose should always be used with extreme caution. Once cellular damage occurs, can happen even with minimal doses, there is no turning back.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please do not deregulate our profession. The standards set in place ensure that only properly trained individuals expose the public to ionizing radiation. Obtaining a license takes years of coursework and clinical application. With our state growing and prospering, Texas needs to ensure that standards of practice in Medical Radiology stay at the highest levels.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree