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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I absolutely oppose the report recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of locensure standards in Texas. I, as well as my classmates, that have graduated previously and recently from Midwestern State University take pride and joy in our accomplishments and thorough knowledge we have received in the field of radiologic science. If there is no point in people having this knowledge to administer radiation(a known carcinogen), then what have we spent multiple years learning in our strenuous classes and training in the radiologic science program? I am a Texan, born and raised, and I have always known my home state to stand up for what is right, just, respectable, and above all else, what is best for its residents and community. Having licensure for our profession does just that. It protects our residents, our friends, our family, from the excessive dangers of radiation. We have knowledge upon knowledge about the effects and risks of radiation down to the effects and risks of every single dosage. We have knowledge of the effects and risks of radiation down to the smallest detail imaginable consisting of exactly how radiation interacts with a cell in your body, your DNA, an atom, and the parts that make up an atom from the nucleus to the electrons! Our extensive knowledge is not for our own perks and benefit. No, it is for the benefit and well-being of our patients. We administer radiation on a risk to benefit scale only administering radiation when then benefit will outweigh the risk and only administering enough radiation to produce a quality radiograph to administer in that patient's diagnosis and further care. Radiation has no dose that is considered "safe." That means that every single tiny or large dose you receive is harmful. Texas licensure holds this profession to a standard, a standard of making sure that our Texans are treated with the utmost care. Without licensure, our own people will be subjected to receiving unnecessary doses of radiation from people who do not have knowledge about the carcinogen they are dealing with. For instance, would you allow a quote-on-quote nurse with no schooling or knowledge about how to administer the right type of medicine or the correct dosage of medicine to your family member, friend, or loved one? I would hope not, but if licensing standards are dismissed from the radiologic science profession, it is the same scenario. A person with no knowledge or schooling or degree would be administering a known carcinogen, radiation, to your family

member, friend, or loved one. Any health care profession is held to standards of keeping patients as healthy and as safe as possible. What can you find different about the profession of radiologic technologists? We are administering harmful substances to patients and absolutely require knowledge and schooling to adequately treat patients. After all of the knowledge I have attained through my schooling in radiologic science, there is no way I would ever allow someone to administer radiation on my body without the same knowledge I have received. Licensure protects our patients here in Texas, and it also provides a way to penalize those who are not administering radiation correctly and as safely as possible. This license holds up a standard to be met for our patients best interest. Taking this license away would lower Texas standards as if the state of Texas did not care how much harmful radiation its people receive. As a state who cares for its people and doing what is right, dismissing this licensure would portray the opposite. I am a proud Radiologic Technologist who is Registered by the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, who is proud to live in a state that supports my knowledge and schooling, and who is proud to hold a Texas license and show that my state cares for its residents' health and safety. It would be a shame to work in a state which did not support the knowledge and schooling that I endured at a college in the state of Texas. Protect Texas' people, patients, family members, friends, and loved ones by upholding Texas licensure, and protect Radiologic Technologists like me who have worked extremely hard and who are extremely proud of their schooling from Texas and their profession here in the state of Texas.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Uphold the Texas standard of caring for Texans by keeping Texas licensure for Radiologic Technologists. Support the profession that many Texans went to school for in the state of Texas and be proud of their knowledge and will to protect patients from radiation(a known carcinogen).

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree