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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or
Opposed:

Sirs,

I have been a Radiologic Technologist since I passed my National Board exam in 1983. I have practiced my art in many different modalities of Medical Imaging and have been a Department Director and a Radiation Safety Officer.

I retook and passed my Boards in 2011 after leaving the field to explore other opportunities. I believe that my experience in the field of Radiology Technology allows me to claim a modicum of proficiency and credibility.

As regards the discontinuation of the MRT program, I must state a vigorous disagreement with carrying through with this proposition. The Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure is vital to Public Safety, maintenance of standards of care and training, and continuation of the State's duty to protect its citizens against unlicensed, untrained, and unvetted individuals from exposure to ionizing radiation.

Ionizing radiation, x-rays in common parlance, is a known carcinogen. By discontinuing the State's oversight of who may use machines that produce this radiation, effectively removes any control over the overexposure of it's citizens and the concomitant increase in cancer among our population. The Licensure system also allows for disciplining those in our ranks who may not prove suitable to practice in our State due to criminal activity, low moral quality, or other failures humans are prone to suffer.

Our profession has seen major strides forward in radiation safety in the 30 years since I became a Medical Radiologic Technologist in education of our technologists and the public toward radiation safety, technological advances, and reduction of radiation exposure. This is due in large part to the ongoing requirement for Licensure and Continuing Education. If the program is terminated, the general public will be thrust back into the early part of the last century and radiation exposure will increase as untrained persons will begin exposing patients and each other to dangerous levels of radiation because there will be no effective, State-level control as currently provided. All you need do in this matter is ask yourself if you want an office worker or other unqualified individual exposing you or your families to ionizing radiation. We call ourselves Technologists as we don't just push buttons, we know

WHY we push those buttons. Technologists spend their entire careers learning and improving their skills to provide the public with the best and most diagnostic x-ray study at the lowest dose levels possible. This is no field for amateurs and removing the Licensure requirement will allow a flood of amateurs into the field. This is dangerous to you, the public, and generations to come as ionizing radiation causes genetic damage, not just somatic damage.

I ask again for myself and all Texans to continue the Licensure program for Radiologic Technologists.
Thank you for your time and attention to this grave matter, Wayne H. Franklin, RT(R)

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

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree