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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Deregulating the Respiratory Care profession in Texas is a mistake that jeopardizes the safety of patients. Respiratory Care Practitioners, like nurses and physicians, undergo rigorous training and education to become competent at what they do. If the members of this Commission don't clearly understand the role and importance of licensed and well trained therapist, just pay a visit to a Long term care facility near you or an adult, pediatric, or neonatal intensive care unit and begin to understand how critical this specilized profession really is. De-licensing therapist means that anyone can legally perform critical tasks including therapists who had licenses revoked in other States. What checks and balances will you have in place to ensure the safe delivery of respiratory care services?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: My recommendation is not to deregulate RCPs', but for the Respiratory Care Practitioners program to either remain with the DSHS or to be transferred to the Texas Department of Licensing and Regulation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree