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Dear Texas Sunset Commission:

I am a Nuclear Medicine Technologist concerned with your desire to eliminate Licensing for Medical Radiologic Technologist in Texas. I am OPPOSED to the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report - Issue 3 - recommendation to discontinue medical radiologic technologist licensing.

Licensed technologist perform procedures each day that use ionizing radiation. This requires highly skilled individuals who maintain a high level of education to ensure the public that they are not needlessly exposed to harmful radiation. I have been a member of the MRT advisor board and I believe the board's actions maintain a level of safety for the general public. Improperly applied radiation can cause serious harm to the general public.

It is imperative that the State of Texas continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologists.

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met educational and certification standards.

Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, to patients in the lowest dose possible to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not have formalized education to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve quality images or effective treatments.

Licensed radiologic technologists provide radiologists with technically consistent and correctly positioned images, which improve the accuracy of the radiologist's diagnosis. Unlicensed personnel can provide inconsistent results, reducing the diagnostic effectiveness of exams and increasing the need for repeat imaging procedures. Repeat imaging increases radiation exposure and medical costs.

Licensed radiologic technologists adapt procedures and technical factors to each

individual patient's needs. The radiologic technologist's training allows for technologists to evaluate the patients' medical status, history, underlying pathologic processes, and physical factors to create a quality diagnostic image or therapy that is truly individualized for each patient. Unlicensed personnel do not have the educational background to critically appraise the individual patient's situation and adapt to the needs of the patient.

Don't Sunset this Licensing.

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