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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

Dear Texas Sunset Commission:

I am a nuclear medicine technologist writing in OPPOSITION to the Sunset Advisory Commission's Staff Report - Issue 3 - recommendation to discontinue medical radiologic technologist licensing.

I work with Cardiologists every day ensuring the highest quality myocardial perfusion imaging with the lowest radiation exposure possible to our patients. By licensing radiologic technologists in Texas, patients are ensured they are receiving the highest quality and safest care from highly trained individuals. 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 doses possible to create high quality images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not have formalized education to administer low radiation doses and still achieve high quality imaging or effective treatments. For this reason alone, it is imperative that the State of Texas continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologists.

Licensed radiologic technologists not only provide Radiologists/Cardiologists with technically consistent high quality images, but they also adapt procedures and technical factors to each individual patient. This training allows technologists to evaluate the patients medical status, history, underlying pathologic processes and physical factors, to create a high quality diagnostic image or therapy that is truly individualized for each patient. Unlicensed personnel do not have the educational background or expertise to appraise the patients situation and individual needs.

Thank you for hearing my voice of OPPOSITION in this critical decision that could negatively impact the healthcare delivery and safety we now proudly provide to our patients and fellow Texans.

Sincerely,

Gary W Harter,  
RT(N)  
Cardiac Nuclear Imaging

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend that the State of Texas, Department of State Health Services, continue the licensing and regulation of radiologic technologists for the safety and health benefit of all Texans.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree