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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Registered Respiratory Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: Respiratory Care Practioners

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I must voice my statement on the suggestion of delicensing respiratory care. This would be terrible mistake, we are a VITAL asset to the medical field. We do not just give breathing treaments. We are manning life support such as ventilators and bipaps. We help assist breathing for patients from neonate up to adults. When a patient is crashing our department is the first to be called. Our assesement skills in this area are highly valuable and it would be risk for patients. The ability to breathe is needed to sustain life. Every day we care for patients with COPD,asthma,lung cancer, cystic fibrosis and the list goes on with diseases that affect the cardiopulmonary system. Our field is a special one and we along with other medical staff such as nurses are outraged that our field of work would even be mentioned in this category to be deregulated. I highly oppose this recommendation. Our patients need us and we are highly skilled to help them breathe with ease.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I ask that are field be removed from the list of suggestive deregulation of respiratory care. It is too dangerous for the public.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree