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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: After reading the 'staff report' my biggest concern when finishing the article was the list of vital health care professions that were included in the de-licensing list. Respiratory Care Practitioners standing out the most. Especially the breif description of what you actually believe our roll in the health care system is. I do not understand how you can make such a life changing decision to someones career without fully understanding and knowing what their actual job requires them to do on a daily basis. I was required by the State of Texas to have the same amount of pre-requesits and degree a licensed RN is required to have. After completing said pre-requesits, I had to be accteped into the Respiratory Program. I spent the required two years to obtain the Associates Degree required learning everything there is to know about the lungs and heart. You can imagine my suprise when I realized we were being considered for de-licensing. I could go on and tell stories for days of how vitally important Respiratory Therapist are in the hospital. We are the first to be called when your family memeber is having a difficult time breathing, we are the ones that helped ensure that your baby after a difficult labor was breathing, we are there in the emergency room when your loved one comes in and needs ventilatory support and we are the same ones that when that same loved one is moved to the critical unit that know exactly how to detect that he or she has had a change in their ventilatory status and took the steps needed to correct the problem. I know how to do all of these things because I spent a great amount of time studying and passing difficult test to insure that I fully understood how to recognize when there is a change in my patients satus and how to critically asses the situation and correct it. If you take away our license, you elimatte the need for all of the education that is so essential to becoming a Respiratory Therapist.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: If you are going to take away the license of any health care proffesional, have a full understading of what their job title is.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree