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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: Safety. Safety for our friends, family and other loved ones that are taken care of on a daily basis while in different facilities is the sole reason I am opposed to the deregulation of RCPs in Texas. RCPs are specialized and must complete a rigorous educational program as well as national credentialing exams before applying for State Licensure. RCPs are direct patient care providers who perform duties daily such as managing highly technical mechanical ventilators that provide life support for those who are unable to sustain life on their own, as well as performing CPR on patients of all ages. We routinely administer prescription drugs such as antibiotics and bronchodilators. We work along side physicians, nurses, physical therapist, occupational therapist and many others as a cohesive team to do the best we can to help our patients reach their maximum quality of life to be able to enjoy their time with friends and family again. We are just one piece of the puzzle that ensures the best quality of care for our patients, however, without that piece the puzzle is not complete. We play a vital role in patient care and safety and I urge you all to consider the level of care you would want your friends and family members to receive in the event they needed it.

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