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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Chris

Last Name: hunt

Title: RT

Organization you are affiliated with: Methodist Hospital

City: Magnolia

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I would strongly oppose the Sunset advisory commissions recommendation to deregulate respiratory therapy in the state of Texas.

Respiratory therapy is a vital role in the hospital and home setting.

Respiratory therapists go to school the EXACT same amount of time as a Registered nurse. We have a particulate set of skills that is vital in the hospital setting. If you have ever had a loved one go through a significant health related event I am sure you knew what the RTs did. Respiratory therapist have a necessary role in the hospital setting and we need to keep our RTs licensed. Please think about the repercussions of the decisions that are about to be made. We need someone to regulate and license RTs to ensure the viability and longevity of the profession.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep Respiratory Therapists license via the state of Texas

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree