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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:

I oppose the discontinuance of the MRT Licensure Program.

Licensure for Radiologic Technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.

Licensed Radiologic Technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.

Licensure for Radiologic Technologists preserves the State's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

I have been in charge of compiling data on Patient and Staff exposure to radiation for the Cardiac Cath Lab at the Facility where I work and I feel that there is a need for licensed professionals to meet the expectations of the State on reduction of exposure.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not discontinue the licensure requirements for our State.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree