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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

To whom it may concern,

I am a Radiologic/Computed Tomography Technologist in Texas. I am very disappointed to learn that Texas is considering no longer requiring a State license in such a highly regulated field. Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards. It ensures the safety of our patients. 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. Recently Texas has passed 25 Texas Administrative Code 289.227. This new code is designed to help monitor and lower the dose that our patients receive. With such a new and highly regulated requirement, wouldn't the State want the committee members to be licensed by the state enforcing these new requirements? I believe so. 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. The number one goal here should be to protect our patients. There should be enforcement of rules and consequences when the rules are broken. I believe this should be done at the State level. I believe that the State of Texas has a moral duty to make sure that our citizens are protected from the negligence that could occur if an unlicensed person were to administer doses of radiation. Radiologic Technologists also administer contrast medium, which is a medication. This act alone should make it worthwhile to be State licensed. Please take all of this into consideration when making this potentially devastating decision.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I believe that Technologists would be willing to pay an increase to keep their State licensing. Maybe this should be considered as an alternative to shutting the program down.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree