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

I do not support the Sunset Commission's recommendation to deregulate licensure for radiologic technologists.

Ionizing radiation is considered a pharmaceutical drug which should be prescribed. If deregulation takes place, anyone will be able to dispense it.

Is this what the state of Texas advocates?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep licensure and ask for volunteers from the radiology community.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree



Deregulation of Radiologic Technologist License

Sunset Committee

Austin, Texas

Hearings, June 24-25, 2014

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Chairperson Senator Nelson and Other Committee Members,

My name is Jeniesa Johnson , Dallas, Texas. I am the current president of the North Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (NTRTS). I am also a past president of Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists (TSRT) and a past member of the MRT Advisory Committee.

I come before you today to respectfully ask the committee to reconsider its decision to deregulate the licensure for medical radiologic technologists in the state of Texas.

As a past member of the MRT Advisory Committee, I along with several other technologists and one consumer on the committee fought a grueling battle against Non-Certified Technicians (NCT) because of the importance of being properly educated in patient care, patient protection, and radiographic procedures. There was a compromise, and NCTs were born with a limited scope of practice. Today, many of those NCTs are doing procedures beyond their scope of practice. By deregulating licensure, you are reopening a door that was never fully shut. Some areas, facilities, and persons in charge will view this as an opportunity to hire unqualified persons to do medical images.

To ensure the protection of the health of the public you say you are concerned with, keep licensure for medical radiologic technologists. We are educated to protect the patient and be aware of the long-term effects of ionizing radiation.

Who will be responsible for policing and calculating the radiation dose administered by unqualified persons?

Respectfully submitted,

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