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Organization you are affiliated with: American Society of Radiologic Technologists, Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists, speaking as a concerned professional

City: Holliday

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

I am writing to voice my opposition to the sunset of licensure for radiologic technologists in the state of Texas. As a life member and two time past president of the Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists, I speak for many technologists when I urge you to consider the repercussions of deregulating medical imaging. Texas would lose its ability to penalize individuals who may not treat citizens according to professional standards or administer radiation in a safe and ethical manner. We would return to era of unlicensed, unqualified individuals practicing this profession and lower the quality of healthcare/medical imaging in Texas. Those not properly educated, certified, and licensed to practice in the radiologic sciences lack the ability to determine appropriate radiation doses, protect the public from ionizing radiation, and prevent waste of valuable medical resources. I believe deregulation would also return us to a period where poorly qualified individuals would increase considerably the cost of healthcare in this state.

As the landscape of healthcare in Texas changes, healthcare providers will have to function at the top of their license to meet the medical demands of Texans. I agree that the Department of State Health Services has a heavy burden of responsibilities but deregulation of medical imaging and use of radiation, a known carcinogen, is not in my opinion a responsible course of action.

Sincerely,

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The creation of a Board of Radiologic Technology would be the ideal course of action as this would allow more direct oversight, regulation, and enforcement of Radiologic Technology Practice in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree