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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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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 technologist in the state of Texas. As a current member and past president of the Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists, I speak for many technologists when I urge you to consider the repercussions of no licensure in our profession. First and foremost patients, all patients, most citizens of Texas will be affected by this change. Medical imaging is an integral component of health care. Nearly every single person will have an x-ray of some type.

Whether it is for a broken bone or diagnosis of disease; treating cancer patients or screening for cancer, medical imaging is necessary. And with that come the responsibility to perform this imaging safely, efficiently and with minimal use of a known carcinogen, radiation. Without licensure there would be no way to control who is performing these tests, what their educational background is and whether or not they are competently prepared to care for our citizens.

I ask you to consider the entire population of Texas when making this important decision. I ask you to preserve Texas' right to penalize individuals who do not treat our patients according to the profession standards or administer radiation correctly. I ask you to protect its patients from untrained individuals. And I ask you to ask yourself, what if your child, parent, friend or colleague had a medical issue that was missed because of inadequate medical imaging and you could have prevented it?

I thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Create an independent board of radiologic technologist to regulate the profession or move to Department of Licensing and Regulation

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree