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

I would like to voice my opinion on the discontinuance of the TDH Licensure for Radiologic Technologists. If you look back at the history of the profession, you will find many documented occurrences of radiation-induced cancers and deaths. Although the radiation caused the injuries, ignorance was the true culprit. Thankfully, these occurrences have lessened greatly over the years. Could it be because the people dispensing the radiation are better educated and have a better understanding of the risks involved when dealing with radiation? I believe the answer is a resounding 'Yes'.

I have been a registered technologist for over 18 years, and have been teaching in the profession for more than 15 years, so I feel like I am well qualified to address what I see as a necessary requirement: the licensure of persons who routinely dispense radiation to the general public.

Our profession has been moving towards a degree requirement for many years now, so it makes no sense that the great State of Texas would be considering the deregulation of these same individuals. There is absolutely NO DOUBT that radiation is dangerous and it's use should be regulated, therefore I ask that the state maintains it's current requirement for licensure of all persons who work in medical radiation professions.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please maintain the licensure requirements for radiologic technologists and radiation therapists.... What we do to you and your family can produce lasting effects that could alter your lives forever.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree