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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Dear Members,

I have recently been reading that you are possibly going to deregulate many medical professions including respiratory therapists. I have to admit that when I first read that I was dumbfounded and couldn't believe that sane people could come up with such an idea. The more I read, however, I am becoming increasingly alarmed.

I had Adult Respiratory Distress Syndrome 12 years ago. My family was told to prepare for my funeral. I was intubated and in ICU for one month. Had it not been for the respiratory therapy unit at the hospital I would surely be dead. Because of my illness my daughter decided to become a respiratory therapist. I know how much training that required and the expertise that is needed to sustain her license. I certainly would not want to have someone unlicensed treating me as I'm very very sure you would not want one of your family members being treated by an unlicensed therapist.

Please, please think this over very carefully before making any rash decisions. Do you really think hospitals are going to be careful and check backgrounds and quality of respiratory therapists. They make so many mistakes already. My mother had the wrong breast marked for a mastectomy. I've been given sugary treats following surgery and I am diabetic. You are simply opening yourselves to future lawsuits.

Again I implore you to reconsider this proposal.

Sincerely, Sandy Keiser