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From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]  
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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: Jonathan

Last Name: Klapper-Lehman

Title: Respiratory Therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: American Association for Respiratory Care

City: Lancaster

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Please do not let the licensure for Respiratory Therapist expire.

It will not reduce the expense associated with providing care since we have been around for over forty years and salary scales have been set. There was no increase in salary after we were licensed. It will however prevent under-trained or un-trained people for operating life critical machines. It is rather embarrassing when you require a license to cut your hair since you don't want hair disasters, but it is OK to let anyone come off the street and operate a ventilator which an error can kill in moments.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would strenthen the law to require more hours of continuing education and training to make sure only the best are taking care of those who are in most need!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree