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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I completely oppose the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of licensure standards in Texas. I find the staff report to be negatively sided only and that the report falls short to describe the medical technologist work environment as well as the importance and demands of radiation safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

Although the Texas State government needs to save funds in many different areas this is an area of the utmost importance to preserve the high standard and high level of Health care that is currently being provided. Patients and the people of Texas are not fully aware of the importance of radiation safety while Medical Technologist are both informed and regulated. I believe without doubt, that it is far less costly to regulate a small group of professionals than it is to educate an entire society. These following concepts need to be highly regarded and carefully considered for the good of Texans:

- Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.
- Licensed radiologic technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.
- Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

Do NOT take away a system that is highly regarded by those it regulates and is functioning well to protect all people in order to save money. There are some things money cannot buy... Money cannot buy back the good health of

individuals once the legislature throws it away for their own savings!

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree