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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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City: Amarillo

State: Texas

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

I am opposing The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission request to discontinue the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and the repeal of licensure standards in Texas.

I am appalled at the thought of allowing technologists and businesses to expose patients to radiation without a license.

Because your staff is too "overloaded" and you won't hire more staff to compensate, you would rather let non-licensed technologists and businesses take x-rays of the people. By you own report, some of your staff duties are "Conducting radiological emergency preparation and response", which in most cases a include a Medical Radiologic Technologist. I would think you would prefer that technologist be licensed.

By doing away with the licensure standards in the state of Texas you risk lowering the quality and high standard of patient care that is required by licensure.

Licensure for Radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met educations 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.

I personally think you should think of the children at this point.

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.

The bottom line is your staff is too busy to be bothered with the task of licensure because of other "MORE IMPORTANT" task as you stated in your report. I wonder how many of you would get x-rays or let your child get x-rays from a non-licensed technologist or facility.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I recommend that you hire more staff to cover amount of tasks your business handles or maybe re-structure the system with the existing staff so that everything is taken care of and nothing is "thrown out" because you feel that the thousands of Licensed Medical Radiologic Technologist are not important.

You have 23 licensing comities, and this one, the one that can cause effects generations after the exposure, is the one you want to do away with?

Look at the children born with deformities from healthy parents, maybe the grandparents or great grandparents received x-rays from a non-licensed technologist in the 60's. This could be a problem if you discontinue the licensure of Medical Radiologic Technologists and repeal licensure standards in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree