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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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

I would like to comment on the report recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of licensure standards in Texas. I understand that our government agencies are strapped for cash right now with the economy we are in, and we are always looking to cut where we can. However I do not believe this would be in the best interest of the public at large.

As radiologic technologist we are professional in our field. We have gone through rigorous academic and clinical training before we have even performed our first chest x-ray.

1. First we must have a clean record and background check before we even can apply to a program. This assures that individuals with standards and maturity are selected for a program.
2. Like any other academic program, the radiologic technologist program only picks the brightest students to enter a program.
3. In the program we learn about the human body and all of the functions that it performs, this prepares us for our future and assures we have the fundamentals of performing the exam that the doctor is requesting.
4. We also learn about disease and how to prevent the spread of disease, again this is all knowledge that we learn in our program that prepares us for our future licensing not only nationally but through the state of Texas as well.
5. In order to obtain our license nationally, we are required to have performed so many exams under the strict eye of an instructor or licensed radiologic technologist. This ensures that we have an understanding of why we are doing

the exam and that we are doing it correctly.

6. Probably one of the most important reasons that I believe it is necessary for us to obtain our license in the state of Texas is for radiation protection of the patient. When you have obtained your national license through the ARRT, you have proven that you not only know how to deal with patients and perform exams, it is also stating that you know how to protect the patient. In our program that trains us for our future professional license we are trained in radiation safety. We are trained to use the lowest amount of radiation as possible and to be very diligent about shielding our patients.

These are just some of the reasons that I believe that we need to preserve our need for a license in the state of Texas. When a technologist is licensed you can assure that the individual is knowledgeable and will be taking the best care of our fellow Texans.

Thank you for your time,

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Is there any possibility of extending the renewal time? For example, if I am required to renew my state license for radiologic technology every two years, could it be extended to every 4 years or perhaps longer? This might be able to take the the load off of your staff. Perhaps alternating years so the do not all hit at one. Another option might be working with the ARRT, perhaps obtaining access to there database of Texas Rad Techs. No matter what, as a rad tech you MUST be licensed throught the ARRT, that would be a way of neeting everyone into one location.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree