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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: The de-regulation of respiratory therapists would put our patients lives in jeopardy. If this happens hospitals will more than likely begin hiring unqualified workers at much lower pay to work with special equipment that can't be taught in an "over night" class. We went to school for 2 to 4 years to learn more than just how to flip a switch to turn something on. We know our equipment inside & out. We know the signs & symptoms of patients in distress, not only respiratory distress but having a heart attack or stroke. Someone who comes in off the street with no knowledge of patient care knows this. And just because they have CPR doesn't make them an expert. De-regulation will also put more responsibility on the nurses who are already over worked which will also put patients lives at risk. What's next, de-regulating nursing?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: PUT PEOPLE ON THE SUNSET COMMISSION WHO ACTUALLY KNOW HOW HEALTHCARE WORKS! DON'T DEREGULATE ANY HEALTHCARE AGENCIES.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree