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

I was recently informed of the movement to delicense respiratory care providers in the State of Texas. I cannot express in words how detrimental this would be to the entire healthcare realm. Respiratory care providers play an integral role in providing excellent care to the citizens of our state across the healthcare continuum. They are expert clinicians that participate in and manage the complex care of patients with cardiovascular and respiratory disease in patients of all ages and in all healthcare environments. The nursing profession works in tandem with respiratory care professionals, and we greatly depend on their experience and expertise.

Delicensing these professionals would negatively impact the already fragile state of healthcare in the following ways:

- A) Licensure provides a sense of purpose and pride in one's profession.  
Loss of licensure would demoralize the entire respiratory care profession
- B) Licensure provides a minimum standard that must be met and maintained.  
Loss of licensure would certainly decrease the standard of care expected from these professionals.
- C) Loss of licensure would mean a decrease in salary for respiratory care professionals.
- D) Loss of licensure would mean decreased revenue to the State of Texas.

I could go on. Please consider very carefully before making a decision to would have such negative implications on hundreds of thousands of people in our state. Healthcare quality is such a point of focus across the nation, particularly in light of recent legislation at the national level.

Delicensing our respiratory clinicians only serves to tip the scales the wrong direction.

Thank you for your consideration of my comments.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not delicense respiratory care professionals in Texas.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree