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

The Texas Sunset Advisory Commission has developed a report recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of licensure standards in Texas. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists and Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists want to work with you to preserve R.T. licensure in Texas.

Here are only a few reasons this should not be done. We need to insure that all of our professionals are educated in an accredited Licensure Program:

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.

Not to mention possible mal-practice law suits for errors due to lack of education and licensing.

Thank you,

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please continue to require Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Programs as well Licensure Standards in Texas

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree