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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I'm respectfully oppose to the Staff Report concerning the de-regulation of the RCP licensure. RCP's take a three year course studying mainly about the cardiopulmonary system, Nurses don't have this type of study they just do a week or two studying on this subject. The lungs are one of the primary organs in the body. There is a lot to learn about the lungs during our three years of college. WE are the only staff in the filed that know how to control the proper Pressures, Volumes, wage pressures, hi frequency ventilation, you can pop a lung if you don't know what you're doing with the equipment, We also treat the Patients with H1n1 , change tracheostomies. Influenza A and B, TB, and any airborne problem. just to mention a few. RCP are in the front line when a code blue is activated assisting with the intubation. RCP also are the Pulmonologist right hand during Bronchoscopies. When a baby is born and needs surfactant for the lungs we are the once that do so. With our three years college we can assist a Patient that is having Respiratory Distress or Asthma not to mention COPD Patients just to mention a few,Nurses don't have the knowledge or practice to cover all our filed of practice they lack the proper skills and knowledge that it takes to treat Patients like this. Nurses and other staff call upon the RCP when a Patient is having respiratory problems. The Respiratory Care Practice Act was signed into law by the Texas Legislature in 1986, The Texas legislature saw the need and importance to Regulate the RCP, know that RCP filed has grown so much with advances and new technology lets keep moving in the right direction and keep the citizens of this great state of Texas safe and with the right education and licensure personal that is required to assist with the diagnose and treatment of every Texan correctly. I'm sure that Patients appreciate that when there is a respiratory problem with themselves or a family member that a well trained respiratory therapist is at bedside and will help them alleviate the ugly feeling of not being able to breath, and know the proper equipment needed and knows how to work it properly. I'm sure that Parents feel safe to know that there baby is being properly ventilated to maintained proper levels of oxygen and carbon dioxide in there blood so that there baby will come off that ventilator . Texas needs LICENSE RCP we are a special breed that has a three year training in the cardiopulmonary system not two weeks like nurses do.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I strongly feel that Texas will be taking a huge step back deregulating The RCP Profession. There will be more accidents cause by untrained personal and the coast will increase to take care of our Texans. Once again I Respectfully ask the comity to reconsider and take the RCP's out of the de-regulation list. Texas needs License Respiratory Therapist. Thanks for you time and please consider my letter.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree