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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:

To whom it may concern,

I have been a therapist for the last 14yrs. I have worked for 3 large hospitals in Texas. I completely oppose the recommendation of delicensing for my field of expertise as a respiratory therapist. We work along side nursing and with doctors to make up a competent health care team. We as therapist are called for any situation, we are known not to panic. It is a public safety issue, it would also fail the mission statements in all hospitals regarding the competent and safety of care that they would no longer be able to provide. Our nurses are already overwhelmed with to many patients, and are not able to give adequate care without the help of respiratory therapist.. We will fail our society for healthcare and humanity if we are taken off of this setting. I love my job! We do not just give a breathing treatment as some may think, we are part of a code team for infants, pediatrics and geriatrics. We maintain and run life support machines, maintain and run CPAP and Bipap for noninvasive therapy. We draw ABG's, most nurses draw from veins, I would hate to think that you would want someone to damage an artery when it takes a certain skill. Placing someone on oxygen does not mean just putting plastic in their nose. Do you know what FIO2 is? Do you know what CaO2 content is? Do you know the difference between Alveolar and arterial blood is? Have you ever watched someone try to breathe and you had to assist them or suction them nasally to keep someone alive?? Do you want yourself or family member or newborn without adequate care? You are a political team that probably does not have health care experience. It saddens me to think you don't care about yourself or loved ones. I take my job seriously, I have worked as a manager in the health care field for my profession, I believe in helping others. Can you and do you go to bed every night not caring about someone else's health, livelihood or character? We have a bad shortage of nursing in Texas now, I support all of the health care team.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Recommendations :

start with helping the public beware of healthy alternatives to eating, exercising, No Smoking everywhere. Start making things happen instead of sitting in a room and suggesting what should happen. Walk in someones shoes for a day to see what they do day in and day out before putting a stamp on something you know nothing about.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree