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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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City: Arlington

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: The de-licensing of Respiratory Therapist will cause patients to be at risk, with the advent of new technologies (Ventilators etc) and medications which help improve the quality of the lives of patients with Respiratory illnesses, the Therapist play a critical role in the education and delivery of these devices and medications. The hospital based RT plays an important role in the assessment of critically ill patients and function on the hospitals "Rapid response teams" which assess and start treatment up to intubation on patients identified to be at risk of demise. The Rn's are overwhelmed with their job functions, and do not have the time nor the education or to assume the role the RT takes in caring for the patient.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Switch the licensing to another state department, or take the Respiratory care practioneer off this list, removing the Respiratory Care practioner's iicense will result in poor patient outcomes.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree