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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: As a respiratory therapist in the profession for just under 10 years, i as well as many of my colleagues are steadfastly opposed to delicensing of our profession. we play an integral part in all aspects of healthcare from ER to ICU to NICU. I am sure noone wants an unlicensed person caring for their very ill grandparent, parent, child or grandchild as they are struggling to breathe whether it is from the aging process, or perhaps because they came into this world a little too early with premature lungs that need healing. these are the things we do every single day and though we are often not given credit where credit is due, we dilligently push along because that is what we were meant to do and trained to do and licensed to do. If you take away the licensing part then the door is opened for people with criminal backgrounds or little training to care for these very sick people. It also will make disciplining of any bad eggs that may be putting people at risk.Please reconsider this action or offer an alternative agency to oversee these licensing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please reconsider or put another agency in charge of licensing because licensing and regulation is very important to maintain competency and ultimately keep the lives of many people safe.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree