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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Deregulation of Respiratory Therapy is not a good idea. We need regulation for our state for Respiratory Therapist. You cannot depend on other regulatory systems to have all you need for education and continued education of the healthcare professionals of this state. It is extremely important for those people who are responsible for taking care of someone's life support system to have a regulatory process. When you deregulate, you are depending on someone else to be responsible for the regulation of what types of people are caring for your citizens. Our profession is highly respected and plays an extremely important role in the healthcare environment. In many instances the Respiratory Therapist has just as vital a role as the nurse. Our profession needs to be regulated.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue to require CEU's and state licensure so that you can insure the kind of people caring for our citizens are the people we need in that role.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree