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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Title: Radiological Technologist (R)

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City: Richardson

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

Commission Members, I am opposed to the elimination of licensure requirements for medical personal operating radiological equipment for diagnostic or treatment procedures.

Eighteen months ago I was recruited by the Heart Center Director at a major medical center in Dallas to join their staff in order to provide education and training on radiation exposure and safety. The conditions I found when I arrived were very concerning; the x-ray equipment in the cardiac catheterization labs was set on maximum levels for both fluoroscopy guidance and imaging. By having the equipment on these settings patients and staff were exposed to higher doses of radiation than necessary to achieve quality images.

A check of the personal radiation equipment showed that 3 sets had failed and the staff members were being exposed unnecessarily to scatter radiation.

Should the commission vote to eliminate licensed radiological technologist I feel these types of incidents will become more prevalent and put more patients and staff at risk for radiation injuries.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I recommend the state continues to require any individual operating radiological diagnostic imaging or therapy equipment be board certified and hold a valid Texas state license.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree