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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:

I am writing to express my grave concern and strong opposition to the proposal to discontinue the Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) program currently regulated by the Texas Department of State Health Services (DSHS).

A vote by the Sunset Advisory Commission to accept the recommendation noted above would remove from state law the title act and enabling statute as well as any reference to the licensure, certification, or registration of RCPs. Such action could have dire consequences for both Texas RCPs and their patients throughout the state who have been diagnosed with chronic lung disease.

Respiratory Care Practitioners (RCP) are of great assistance to me in my emergency medicine practice especially when we are managing severely ill children with impending or established respiratory failure due to illness or trauma. In addition, they are of invaluable assistance in caring for patients with asthma and bronchitis.

Yours Sincerely,

Rohit Shenoi, MD

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: None

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree