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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or

Opposed: I am writing in regards to the report developed recommending the discontinuance of the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal of licensure standards in Texas. The consequences of the recommendation passing would be disastrous to the safety of the public that entrusts their healthcare to us. Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards. We administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, to patients; we are educated and trained to lower patient exposure while providing an adequate study, which is important to our patients. We are very much involved in the diagnosis of a patient. Unlicensed personnel does not understand how to minimize exposure to a patient, they do not have the education we do, which puts our patients' safety at risk. If I was a patient I would want a licensed professional to perform my diagnostic exam. This is a healthcare profession, and in being a patient, if I were to find out the person performing my diagnostic exam is not licensed I would be very afraid. I would automatically come to the conclusion that that person does not know what they are doing because they did not receive the adequate education and training. Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals. Radiologic Technologists, just like nursing, physicians, or even respiratory technologists, have been so strictly educated in patient care and safety. With that being said, why move backwards into the past where anyone was allowed to administer ionizing radiation or "shoot and x-ray" and cancers and deaths were at their peak; instead of moving forward and making sure that LICENSED and educated radiologic technologists are at their peak in patient care and safety.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: The Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and licensure standards in Texas should stay as is. Without them, our citizens' safety is jeopardized.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree