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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Regarding the "delicensure" vote of Respiratory Therapists (and other important medical staff) in the State of Texas. This is an outrageously dangerous and unwise idea. As an bedside RN working in ICU/Critical Care for the last 21 years I can tell you that nurses **DEPEND** on the skilled knowledge and education of **LICENSED** Respiratory Therapists. Taking away the need for licensure will open the floodgates to poor care. **PATIENTS WILL DIE!** It is up to the governing board of all clinical agencies to protect the care given to the patients in the United States. Under the guise of making health care more affordable, we cannot lose sight of the standard of care we need to uphold. Taking away the licensing of any clinically engaged staff such as a Respiratory Therapist is degrading the healthcare in this country to new low levels. What next? The delicensure of **NURSES**? It is with sincere hope that you will not make this terribly misguided step. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: One consideration is to reinstate the respiratory therapy externs. Responsible to Licenced Respiratory Therapists, they can administer breathing treatments and other therapies. This would be cost effective and free up licensed staff to focus more on critical patients...saving money for everyone.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree