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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It has come to my attention that the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission is proposing to discontinue the Medical Radiologic Technologist Licensure Program and repeal licensure standards in Texas. As a graduate of the U of TX Health Science Center's Radiologic Technology Program; and as a Professor in the Radiologic Technology Program at Dona Ana Community College [19 yrs] with students training in El Paso hospitals I am appalled that Texas would propose eliminating state licensure and standards. Patients are exposed to ionizing radiation for medical imaging examinations. It is critical that only properly trained and licensed individuals perform these procedures. Without licensure there is no yardstick to measure professional competence and it becomes more difficult to remove incompetent radiographers. In a day and age where medical imaging is becoming more sophisticated, and over irradiation of patients is much more likely to happen with untrained personnel, it only makes sense that Texas would want to safeguard its citizens by insuring that only properly trained and licensed individuals perform these exams. Lastly, continuing education is of paramount importance in a field in which the technology is constantly evolving. Licensure and licensure standards are critical to maintaining a competent, educated medical imaging workforce.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Maintain professional licensure and accountability standards in the medical imaging profession.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree