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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 oppose de-regulation for Respiratory Care Practitioners. As an alternative, I would like to shift regulation to the Department of State Licensure and Regulation. De-regulating Respiratory Care Practitioners is a mistake on public health. Respiratory therapy is a huge contributor to the critical care team and largely responsible for critical care responsibilities. They are an asset to the hospital, home care, and nursing staff. They serve as a valuable resource for doctors, patients, and families. Respiratory therapists are educators for patient and families on correct medication use, disease process, and medical equipment troubleshooting. Eliminating respiratory therapy would be like cutting off your right hand. Respiratory is the right hand of healthcare. Don't believe me? Go to the hospital ER during a code and see how much the therapist does.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: I would like to shift regulation to the Department of State Licensure and Regulation.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree