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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:

In May, 2014 the Sunset Advisory Com. Staff Report recommended to discontinue 19 regulatory programs currently housed in DSHS which includes Respiratory Care Practitioners. (p. 4 Issue 3, and pgs 106-108) appendix E

Respiratory therapists that are RCP's are regulated by the Texas Respiratory Care Practitioners Program with the DSHS. The scope of practice for RT's includes very complex ventilator management, life support, and prescription medication administrations that assist with respiratory issues to improve quality of life and wellness. I have great concerns about deregulating such a profession. There are very complex ventilator weaning programs at our facility (one of the top in the nation) that involve very acute patients. I do not want to see respiratory services provided in Texas without competency and education. This would open the door to practice that does not protect the citizens of Texas. This would lower our health care standards in the field.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Do not deregulate RCP's; possibly transfer the licensing to Texas Dept of Licensing and Regulations if necessary

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree