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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: martha

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Title: respiratory therapist

Organization you are affiliated with: UT Southwestern

City: Shady Shores

State: Texas

Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

I have been a respiratory therapist since 1990. I am sure you are aware of the requirements for becoming an RRT and that we are highly skilled and very knowledgeable on the most current life support systems. It has taken years of dedication to grow our profession from on the job training programs to BS degrees in Respiratory Care.

We are now recognized as an integral part of the health care team. I have been called on to educate nursing staff and physicians about our profession and respiratory care. It is because of our license and education.

Deregulating our profession will undo all of this. We will be opened to hospitals hiring untrained staff to manage life support! If you have to have a license to cut hair, why would you not want the person taking care of your ventilator and breathing to have a license too?

Please consider the health and welfare of all Texans and keep our license and regulations.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Keep the Respiratory Care Practitioner license and the integrity of the profession.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree