

From: [Sunset Advisory Commission](#)
To: [Janet Wood](#)
Subject: FW: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)
Date: Friday, June 20, 2014 12:59:39 PM

-----Original Message-----

From: sundrupal@capitol.local [<mailto:sundrupal@capitol.local>]
Sent: Friday, June 20, 2014 12:37 PM
To: Sunset Advisory Commission
Subject: Form submission from: Public Input Form for Agencies Under Review (Public/After Publication)

Submitted on Friday, June 20, 2014 - 12:37

Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

First Name: klynton

Last Name: walters

Title: radiologic technologist

Organization you are affiliated with: North Texas Medical Center, Muenster Memorial Hospital

City: forestburg

State: Texas

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

I am a very well trained medical professional that feels licensure should be remain in effect. I have worked with untrained workers in Oklahoma and it is scary to see the amounts of radiation people received. A license that requires appropriate training is a must, and several reasons for this are:

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.

Licensed radiologic technologists lower patient exposure to ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, by optimizing technique for medical imaging and treating cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not understand how to minimize exposure while achieving quality images or effective treatments.

Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

All the rules and regulations that apply nationally were set for a reason. We, as a state, need to be better than the average. Our citizens, including myself, need to feel safe at hospitals. With state licensing, we can feel safe that we are being treated correctly. Thank you.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Ask yourself how much radiation you will get if

someone does not know ALARA, and what will happen if untrained people start taking x-rays.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree