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Dear Commission Members,

My name is Christopher Ward and I am a proud resident in your district. I am also one of over 14,000 licensed Respiratory Care Practitioners in the great state of Texas. For over 19 years, I have proudly served the greater Houston area at Texas Children's Hospital as an Emergency/ Trauma Center Respiratory Therapist. It has been my great pleasure to be an intrical part of a critical care team.

On a daily basis as a RCP, I work side by side with physicians to provide life-saving procedures. These include CPR, initiating and managing ventilator support, administration/ regulation of medical gases, drawing blood samples, assisting in diagnostics, and a number of other sensitive procedures to our most precious commodities- our children. We literally aid in saving lives every day- and we take tremendous pride in doing so.

I am a graduate of San Jacinto College, where I have successfully completed specialized training and preparation of obtaining my credential as a Registered Respiratory Therapist. However, I take pride in knowing that we are successfully regulated by the Texas Respiratory Care Practitioners Program with the DSHS. It is my belief that this regulation holds us accountable as a community to a higher standard and is very much necessary. So I was very much troubled to hear of the Sunset Advisory Commission's recommendation to deregulate this essential part of the critical care of our community. The scope of practice for licensed RCP's is complex, for I have only mentioned a few of our duties, but each holds importance.

It is my recommendation that the state of Texas does not deregulate this essential part

of the hospital community. We must continue to serve at the highest standard. Our children deserve it. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

Kind regards,

Christopher Ward, RCP