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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: Opposition to Issue 3 in the May 2014 report - de-regulation of professional radiologic technologists. One of the major findings in the report was that de-regulation would have little impact on public health or safety. This is a fallacy - radiation damage has no threshold (some cellular damage occurs even with minimal doses), and when untrained personnel are allowed to administer it without understanding it's ramifications, then public safety is going to be endangered. Yes, we have national certification through two other agencies (Joint Review Commission of Education in Radiologic Technology and the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists), but state licensure also ensures technologists in the state meet the minimum acceptable requirements in patient care, radiation safety, image production, and radiobiology and protection. De-regulation of our profession will lower standards and put patient safety at risk, increasing repeat examinations due to sub-standard practice and decreased knowledge of the field.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Please do not de-regulate our profession! Many people fought for many years to get licensure in place, and practice standards have increased because of it. By 2015, The Joint Commission will require certification of all radiologic technologists at accredited institutions, so it makes sense to keep the standards in place at the state level.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree