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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: My comments are with regards to the recommendation put forth by the Texas Sunset Advisory Commission concerning the cessation of the necessity for state licensure for Medical Radiologic Technologists. First and foremost, licensure ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met specific levels of education and certification standards. I remember, when I first received my license from the state of Texas, how meaningful it was to have state recognition of my abilities as a therapist to practice radiation therapy and administer it with confidence to all of my patients. Licensure not only legitimizes the profession here within the state, but it also provides accountability. The state's licensing department requires that you prove that you have the correct educational and certificate background to practice radiation therapy. Without proper licensing being documented by the state, you run the risk of individuals practicing radiation therapy without the proper educational background. State licensing also, solidifies a patient's confidence in their therapist or technologist. It clearly represents to the patient that he/she is being treated by an individual that is recognized by the state to be educated and proficient in this particular profession. I strongly feel it would be a great disservice to deem this profession as not worthy of state recognition through proper licensing.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: At this time I have no recommendations as to any alternatives for documenting and licensing individuals in the field of radiation therapy.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree