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

I am deeply troubled over the thought of unregulating Respiratory Therapists in Texas, or anywhere. As an ICU nurse, I have worked side by side with Respiratory Therapists. I have seen how their quality of work, knowledge and compassion has made an impact in patient's lives.

Choosing not to have Respiratory Therapists regulated not only comprises the quality of care, but patient safety. Physicians and nurses are required to be regulated and have an extensive background, respiratory therapists also should.

Making sure that the highest qualified individual is allowed to be licensed, substantiates the need for high quality healthcare. A respiratory therapist is more than someone who gives medication, more than an educator, they are an imperative member of our healthcare team.

Think back to when you or a loved one was in the hospital or even intensive care. How easy would you have rested knowing key members of your healthcare team were not licensed?

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: All healthcare professionals administering medication should have a license to maintain accountability. Respiratory Therapists should continue to need a license to ensure patient safety and quality of care.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree