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Agency: DEPARTMENT STATE HEALTH SERVICES DSHS

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: It is my understanding that the Texas Legislature is considering the deregulation of licensing for respiratory therapists in the state of Texas.

I am writing to express my disagreement with this decision. As a pediatrician who has worked in one of our nation's busiest pediatric emergency centers for the past 14 years, I have seen the impact our respiratory therapists make in caring for some of our sickest children every day. Our respiratory therapists play an essential role in assisting with the evaluation, management and reassessment of the wide variety of common as well as complex pulmonary conditions that we see daily in our quaternary care center. Their input and assistance in managing ventilator settings and their expertise regarding pulmonary function testing is invaluable. They are also often on the front line for educating families and patients about how to care for their chronic conditions. In short, I believe that this deregulation would have a significant negative impact on the quality of health care provided in this state.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency: Continue licensure for RT's as is

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree