

October 14, 2013
Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC)
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Dear members of the EAIC:

As a concerned citizen of the state of Montana I want to express my endorsement for the continuation of state licensure for Montana respiratory therapy practitioners.

I appreciate the oversight that licensure provides. Licensure and the MBRC governing board offers the profession of respiratory therapy the ability to ensure that each licensed professional is held to the same standards of education, credentialing, and continuing education. There is also a system for support and accountability for those therapists that may be practicing beyond the Montana State license scope of practice as well as for those that may be troubled by addictions or criminal offenses that are affecting their ability to conduct themselves safely in a patient care setting. I trust that the Montana Board of Respiratory Care (MBRC) will advocate protecting our patients from unsafe practice. Licensure for respiratory therapy practitioners offers the ultimate system of checks and balances for patient safety. Please accept my endorsement for the continuation of licensure and recommend to the Montana legislature that licensure must continue.

Sincerely,

Respiratory Therapy class of 2014
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