

Murdo, Patricia

Subject: FW: Endorsement for Continuation of licensure for MT Respiratory Therapy Practitioners

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October 14, 2013
Pat Murdo
Economic Affairs Interim Committee (EAIC)
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Dear Pat Murdo:

As a licensed Respiratory Therapist from Helena, Montana (of over 32 years), I want to express my endorsement for the continuation of state licensure for Montana respiratory therapy practitioners.

I appreciate the oversight that 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 high standards of education, credentialing, and continuing education (the same as Registered Nurses and other health care professionals).

I believe 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.

While Respiratory Therapy does not hold the same high visibility that Registered Nurses and Paramedics do, when you can't breathe, we loom large in your field of view, and the state should be interested in keeping Respiratory Therapists accountable.

Please accept my endorsement for the continuation of licensure and recommend to the Montana legislature that licensure must continue.

Sincerely,

Edward A. Meardon, RRT
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Licensed Montana Respiratory Therapist