**To: Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

**Subject: Written Testimony for Licensing of Radiologic Technologists**

My name is Alejandra Orantes, and I am a second-year Radiologic Technologist student who will graduate in May 2025. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to implementing limited-scope radiography in Massachusetts. I appreciate the opportunity to provide my perspective on this crucial issue.

As stated previously, I am opposed to implementing limited-scope radiography in Massachusetts. Patient safety and diagnostic accuracy must remain the top priorities in medical imaging. Radiologic technologists undergo extensive education and clinical training to ensure proper imaging techniques, radiation safety, and high-quality diagnostic results. They also take a board exam where they must achieve a minimum passing score to be licensed and enter the workforce. In contrast, Limited-Scope X-ray Machine Operators (LXMOs) receive significantly less training, which raises concerns about image quality, increased radiation exposure, and potential misdiagnoses. Poorly positioned or low-quality images can lead to repeat exposures, unnecessary delays in care, and increased healthcare costs.

Massachusetts is known for its high standards in patient care. Lowering qualifications for individuals performing X-ray exams risks compromising the safety and effectiveness of diagnostic imaging. I fully support the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) and its recommendations to uphold strong professional standards for radiologic imaging.

I urge the Department of Public Health to carefully consider these concerns and ensure that any changes to radiologic licensing regulations prioritize patient well-being and maintain the integrity of our profession.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,**
Alejandra Orantes