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Massachusetts Radiation Control,

My name is Caitlin Novo and I am a Registered Radiologic Technologist at Southcoast Urgent Care in Fall River, Massachusetts. I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed implementation of limited-scope radiography in our state.

In an urgent care environment, we depend on high-quality imaging to ensure accurate and timely diagnoses. Radiologic Technologists undergo extensive education and hands-on clinical training to master imaging techniques, radiation safety, and diagnostic precision. In contrast, Limited-Scope X-ray Machine Operators (LXMOs) receive far less training, raising serious concerns about image quality, increased radiation exposure, and potential misdiagnoses. Inaccurate or poorly positioned images often result in repeat exposures, delayed treatments, and increased healthcare costs—negatively affecting both patients and medical providers.

Massachusetts has long been recognized for maintaining high standards in healthcare. Lowering the qualifications for individuals performing X-rays could put patient safety at risk and compromise the reliability of diagnostic imaging. I stand in full support of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) and their commitment to upholding strict professional standards for radiologic imaging.

I urge the Department of Public Health to reconsider any changes that would reduce training and licensing requirements for radiologic professionals. Ensuring that X-ray procedures are performed by properly trained individuals is essential to maintaining quality patient care and safety.

Thank you for your time and attention to this important matter. Sincerely,

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