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To: MassachusetttsDepartment of Public Health

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health

My name is Christina Alquinta,R.T.(R)(M) and I have been a registered and licensed Radiolographer and Mammographer since 1992. I am submittend this written testimony in relation to the public hearing on proposed amendments to 105 CMR 125.000 Licensing of Radiologist technologists scheduled for March 26,2025. I appreciate the opportunity to share my opinion on this important issue.

In my 33 years of working in this field in Massachusetts and Hawaii.

I have had to take college classes,pass national registries,apply for state licenses and continually work on meeting requirements of continuing education credits to maintain my registries and licenses.

When I first moved back home from Hawaii in 1998 and began working for the Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center,I applied for my Mass state license, it was not easy to get though we provided letters on my training in Hawaii by the radiologist at my prior employers on my skills and training.

I was instructed by the MA DPH that I had to take an additional 40hr mammography course,which I did at North Shore Community college as well as supervised mammograms,that required me to travel to one of the other locations to be supervised by the Radiologists and lead technologist before I was issued a Mass mammographers license with my job on the line. This was even though I passed the national registry and was licensed in Hawaii,working at hospitals and Radiologist owned practices. It was not easily given.

My commitment to my career and my patients has been continual for all these years and the idea that someone without the proper training in Radiation protection, exposure, positioning,the physics,patient care and other aspects that require an associate degree or higher in some cases from an accredited college is shocking.

Massachusetts is know for renowned medical care and top of the field hospitals worldwide and that is because it's medical staff meets stringent requirements to continue to provide this level of medical care and professionalism.

Please do not reduce my position and the position of thousands of technologists in many different modalities to a certificate earned position without the training and requirements needed to keep patients and the public safe from overexposure,improper positioning and the ability to provide imaging to diagnose and provide correct treatment of some of the most terrible injuries and diseases.

Thank you for your time and consideration

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