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To whom this may concern,

My name is Danielle Rodrigues and I am a Physician Assistant at Urgent Care Center in Massachusetts. I am writing to express my concerns regarding the implementation of limited- scope radiography in our state.

As a medical provider in an urgent care setting, I rely on high-quality imaging to make accurate and timely diagnoses. Radiologic Technologists undergo extensive education and clinical training to ensure precise imaging, radiation safety, and diagnostic accuracy. In contrast, Limited-Scope X-ray Machine Operators (LXMOs) receive significantly less training, which raises concerns about image quality, increased radiation exposure, and the risk of misdiagnosis. Poor imaging can lead to repeat exposures, delays in treatment, and unnecessary healthcare costs—all of which impact patient safety and care efficiency.

Massachusetts has long been recognized for its high standards in healthcare, and lowering the qualifications for individuals performing X-ray exams could jeopardize patient outcomes. I strongly support the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) and their stance on maintaining rigorous professional standards in radiologic imaging.

I urge the Department of Public Health to carefully reconsider any changes that would compromise patient safety and the quality of diagnostic imaging in Massachusetts. It is essential that we continue prioritizing patient well-being by ensuring that those performing radiologic procedures have the proper training and expertise.

Thank you for your time and consideration. Sincerely,

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