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Dear Members of the MSRT and Regulatory Authorities,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to the proposed limited scope radiography license in Massachusetts. As a registered radiologic technologist (RT), I have witnessed firsthand the complexity and precision required to perform diagnostic imaging safely and effectively. Reducing the level of education and training required for individuals operating X-ray equipment poses significant risks to patient care and the overall quality of diagnostic imaging.

Even fully trained radiologic technologists, who undergo extensive education and clinical experience, can make errors. Introducing a limited scope license will only increase the potential for mispositioning, repeat exposures, and radiation overuse—ultimately compromising patient safety. Additionally, improper imaging can lead to misdiagnoses, delays in treatment, and increased healthcare costs.

Rather than lowering the standards of radiography, Massachusetts should focus on sustainable solutions to address staffing shortages, such as:

1. Improving Compensation for Radiologic Technologists – Competitive wages and benefits will attract more individuals to enter and remain in the profession.
2. Expanding Radiography Programs – Increasing capacity in accredited educational programs will help produce properly trained technologists to meet demand.
3. Enhancing Clinical Site Availability – Strengthening partnerships between hospitals, clinics, and educational institutions can help students gain the hands-on experience needed to enter the workforce fully prepared.

Compromising patient safety is not the solution to addressing workforce shortages. I urge the MSRT and regulatory bodies to consider alternative strategies that preserve the integrity of our profession while ensuring high- quality care for patients in Massachusetts.

Thank you for your time and consideration. I appreciate your commitment to maintaining the standards of radiologic technology, and I hope you will oppose the implementation of a limited scope radiography license.

Sincerely, Gabriel J Alvarez

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