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Good afternoon,

My name is Jan Franco, and I am a student radiologic technologist in my final semester at Bunker Hill Community College, here in Charlestown, MA. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to the implementation of limited-scope radiography in Massachusetts.

Patient safety and diagnostic accuracy must remain the top priorities in medical imaging. Rad techs undergo extensive education and clinical training, 2-3 years, to ensure proper imaging techniques, radiation safety, and high-quality diagnostic results. In contrast limited-scope x-ray machine operators, (LXMOs) receive significantly less training, which raises concerns about image quality, increased radiation exposure, unnecessary delays in care, and increased healthcare costs.

Massachusetts is known for its exacting standards in patient care. Lowering qualifications for individuals performing X-ray exams risks compromising the safety and effectiveness of diagnostic imaging. I stand in full support of the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) and their 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.

I have worked at an urgent care for five years, AFC Urgent Care in Malden. I have seen how taxing the job is for the rad techs. They are doing so much more than what they are being paid to do. If urgent cares want to bring back the rad techs, they should PAY THEM MORE and keep their job to radiography. It really is as simple as that.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

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