Greetings,

My name is Jordan Farah. I’m a licensed Radiologic Technologist that has been serving Boston and surrounding communities since 2017. I send this message in protest to your plans for expanding the limited scope for licensure of Radiologic Technologists in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

By loosening the requirements needed to acquire and uphold a Radiologic Technologist license it creates a few issues such as job security, miseducation, professional obsolescence, and the most important, patient safety. Not having properly educated and skilled individuals it will lead to many errors that directly tie in to a negative outcome for patient well -being and satisfaction.

Miseducation of general operation such as the production of the x-ray beam, imaging technique, and proper positioning would lead into delays of care. Not having educated and trained professionals performing this tasks could lead to situations such as imaging the wrong part, patient, and radiation exposure . This would create a snowball effect that would lead to lawsuits for providers such as the hospital and radiologists that interpret the images. While this does happen among licensed professionals this issue would be exacerbated in areas where workers aren’t licensed, educated, and trained.

While what you are proposing might work for these corporations that need staff in the short term it effectively renders our profession obsolete in the long-term, as the field would be diluted. Why hire a licensed radiologic technologist when you can get someone without the education to do it cheaper? Ultimately this adds unneeded stress on the healthcare system that is already facing great discourse in our society.

Respectfully,

Jordan Farah