**To: Massachusetts Department of Public Health**

**Subject: Licensing of Radiologic Technologists**

Dear members of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health,

My name is Kailana Wang, and I am a senior radiologic technologist student in my final semester. I am submitting this testimony in opposition to the implementation of limited-scope radiography in Massachusetts.

As I have learned throughout my program, patient safety and diagnostic accuracy must remain the top priorities in medical imaging. These past two years as a student of Radiologic Technology, I have gained extensive knowledge and clinical training including 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, and potential misdiagnoses. LXMOs, are not trained as Technologists have been and this is a huge issue for patient safety especially. Poorly positioned or low-quality images can lead to repeat exposures, unnecessary delays in care, and increased healthcare costs.

Massachusetts is known for its high standards in patient care. Lowering qualifications for individuals performing X-ray exams risks compromising the safety and effectiveness of diagnostic imaging. Over the past two years I have worked extremely hard, to be able to safely take x-rays and understand the science behind them. I feel everyone who takes X-rays should have this deep understanding to better protect patients and maintain standards. 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.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

**Sincerely,**
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