My name is Chris Nugent, I have been a Radiologic Technologist for nearly twelve years. I am the Director of Radiology, nationally, for PM Pediatric Care, the nation’s largest provider of pediatric urgent care. We have three, soon to be four, clinics in the state of Massachusetts. The urgent care setting is not immune to the rad tech shortage. Rather, the issue is exacerbated in the urgent care venue as we find difficulty in retaining radiologic technologists given the gross underutilization of their vast skillset. It is imperative that patients have access to vital radiology services in our clinics and within their communities. Initially, I was skeptical of any alternatives to the Radiologic Technologist as we care for pediatric patients, the most radiosensitive patient population. I began exploring the idea of the limited scope rad tech, quickly finding that, at that time, thirty-four states had a pathway towards limited scope X-ray. That number has now increased to thirty-five, Massachusetts would be the thirty sixth. I found longstanding educational programs that exist, offering didactic content delivered by Radiologic Technologists. After a thorough review of the didactic content and knowing that I had Radiologic Technologists in supervisory positions to provide clinical training, I rolled out limited scope as an option for our clinics in Illinois. The results were fantastic. Not only did our limited techs pass the ARRT Limited Scope Exam on the first attempt, but their imaging is also of high quality. To date, our pediatric radiologist who interprets our studies in Illinois has raised no safety or quality concerns related to our limited tech team in Illinois. On the contrary, he praises the quality of the imaging that they produce. Given the success that we witnessed in Illinois, we have subsequently adopted limited scope in three other states, Pennsylvania, Delaware, and Florida.

I am confident that limited scope X-ray in Massachusetts will provide a safe means by which to ensure radiology services remain intact in urgent care settings.