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To: Massachusetts Department of Public Health

Subject**:** Opposition to the Limited Scope Radiography Licensure (105 CMR 125.00) – March 26, 2025

Dear Members of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health,

My name is Samantha Getchell, and I am a graduating Radiologic Technology student from North Shore

Community College. I am submitting this written testimony in opposition to the implementation of

proposed amendments to 105 CMR 125.000 Licensing of Radiologic Technologists scheduled for March

26, 2025.

Radiologic technology requires a deep understanding of the anatomy of the human body, radiation safety, positioning techniques and pathology to ensure accurate diagnostics and minimize radiation exposure. A higher standard of training and licensure are necessary to ensure patient safety, maintain professional standards, and safeguard the quality of healthcare. Since September of 2023, I have invested my time in expanding my knowledge to meet these requirements. If this amendment is passed, the role of X-ray technologists as a whole will be devalued as it creates a perception that radiology is less complex or doesn't require as much expertise as it truly does. Limited licensure will also limit the ability of technologists to fully inform patients about the risks and benefits of procedures and the quality of healthcare will not be equal.

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. 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.

Sincerely,

Samantha Getchell