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To whom this may concern,

I am Stephanie Pine, Nurse Practitioner and I am writing to voice my strong opposition to the adoption of limited-scope radiography in Massachusetts.

Patient safety and diagnostic precision must be the cornerstone of medical imaging. Radiologic Technologists receive extensive education and hands-on clinical training to ensure proper imaging techniques, radiation safety, and high-quality diagnostic results. In contrast, Limited-Scope X-ray Machine Operators (LXMOs) undergo significantly less training, which raises major concerns regarding image quality, increased radiation exposure, and a higher likelihood of misdiagnosis. Inaccurate or poorly positioned images can result in repeated exposures, unnecessary delays in treatment, and increased healthcare costs.

Massachusetts has long upheld a reputation for excellence in patient care. Reducing the qualifications required for individuals performing X-ray examinations risks undermining the safety and effectiveness of diagnostic imaging. I fully support the Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists (MSRT) and their stance on maintaining strict professional standards for radiologic imaging.

I urge the Department of Public Health to thoroughly evaluate these concerns and ensure that any regulatory changes prioritize patient well-being and the integrity of the radiologic profession.

Thank you for your time and careful consideration. Sincerely,

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