Dear Members of the Massachusetts Department of Public Health,

My name is Tracy Rinker (R.T.(R)) and I’m a Registered Radiologic Technologist. I am submitting this testimony in relation to the public hearing on March 26, 2025 for the proposed amendments to 105 CMR 125.000 Licensing of Radiologic Technologists. I appreciate the opportunity to give my point of view on this important issue.

I graduated in 2017 but it took me seven years to get my associates degree. I had to get my prerequisites first to qualify for the Radiologic Technology accredited program at Quinsigamond Community College. I don’t regret my decision or how long the road took because I was taking care of two children. I chose my decision because I divorced my abusive relationship to better my children but ended up living in my vehicle with no where to go. I was blessed with an apartment and started to work my way to my profession to better my children’s future. I could only take a class one at a time so I could take care of my children ( one being autistic), take care of my ill parents and work. I finally got except into the accredited ( JRCERT) program in 201. This allows you to be eligible for the (ARRT) exam. The two year program allows you to have a clinical experience to prepare you for the work place after you graduate and pass the ARRT exam. Clinical requires the student to work under a license Radiologic Technologist. This means your license is at risk because you’re responsible for whom is working under it. I’ve worked with many students and I’ve been one. I don’t want to risk my license when I worked so hard to get it. Sometimes students come through that are hard to teach or irresponsible. No one wants to risk their license!!! To try to accelerate this license is ludicrous and careless. Putting patients and a Radiologic Technologist at risk so theirs more in the work field is poor judgment. Patient care should be at the forefront. Positioning patients is key for a good diagnosis and for safety as well because poor positioning can make a fracture worse or compromises a accurate diagnosis.

Lowering qualifications to fill spots is not a money maker! It opens doors for a lawsuit because of lower standards. I worked hard to get my license and I’m embarrassed that it’s even a thought to allow LXMOs (Limited-scope X-ray machine Operators). The name even implies that we just operate a machine. I’m insulated because there is so much more to this profession than just running a machine! I stand with Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologist (MSRT). Please, don’t lower the standards of our profession. Thank you for your time.

Kind Regards,

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