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To whom this may concern:

As a radiologic technologist I don't understand why this program would be removed from the State of Texas. If anyone trying to rid this program knew the lasting effects of radiation in the population, especially in children and the immunocompromised they would think twice about making this decision. The techs that are trained for a 6 week program to take x-rays cannot possibly understand the full ramifications of the using x-radiation in an inappropriate way. Not only that but the images that are sent to hospitals from the Urgent Care centers (who hire NCT) where the patients are typically seen first are almost always repeated (i.e. double the radiation) because of either inappropriate dose or positioning errors that could lead to misdiagnosis. Not only is the patient being treated inappropriately they are also contributing to the rising healthcare cost due to misdiagnosis and repeats of x-rays that can cost up to \$150 per exam, just for general radiology exams. This not only negatively effects the providers, but also the state of Texas who will ultimately bear the cost. I urge you to reconsider this decision!!!

Sincerely,

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