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From: Bdravan
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To: Sunset Advisory Commission
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Committee Members,

I am a Texas Licensed Medical Radiographer. When the licensure law was passed, I was among the first technologists registered in the state. I have never not known the security it affords to, not only those in my profession, but to our most vulnerable population, our injured and ill.

As a licensed radiographer, I have the educational base to safely use ionizing radiation to appropriately perform my duties. Ionizing radiation is a known carcinogen. Ionizing radiation is shown to cause fetal demise and fetal abnormalities. The equipment I utilize is very complex. My education allows me to be aware when it is not performing in the optimum range. My training includes many patient care duties that people think of in terms of nursing. I am trusted to inject contrast media, such as iodine based, gadolinium based, and radioactive tracers. If used improperly, any of which can cause harm. I am constantly seeking educational opportunities so that I am able to continue providing safe patient care. If the Texas MRT is repealed, safe patient care will be compromised. None of us will be able to guarantee the person performing our study is trained and educated to at least minimum standards. And we will have no recourse if we are injured by an unqualified person.

Sincerely,
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