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To Whom It May Concern regarding the upcoming meeting in Austin:
The following statement sums it up nicely for those of us who are Registered Radiologic Technologists:

Licensure for radiologic technologists ensures that patients are being treated by individuals who have met education and certification standards.

Licensed radiologic technologists administer ionizing radiation, a known carcinogen, in the lowest dose possible to patients in order to create medical images and to treat cancers and other illnesses. Unlicensed personnel do not know how to administer low doses of radiation and still achieve quality images or effective treatments.

Licensure for radiologic technologists preserves the state's right to penalize individuals who may not treat patients according to professional standards or administer radiation correctly. Without licensure, the state cannot protect its citizens from untrained individuals.

That being said, we believe that the State should NOT deregulate this profession. If so, there would be numerous doctor's offices and hospitals who would simply hire people who are not qualified to perform many of the examinations we provide. They would get limited training and have a doctor sign off to cover themselves liability-wise. (that is what was happening in the days before DSHS came along with the MRT program in the late 1980's). If the State would simply require doctor's offices and hospitals etc. to only allow LICENSED individuals (or those undergoing approved programmed training) to perform these tests which administer ionizing radiation, we wouldn't be having this conversation at all.

Please don't cut the program without hearing from our side.

Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

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