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To the Senate and the House Delegates:

Firstly and specifically to Senator Klausmeier, on behalf of opposition and personally as someone who opposes this Bill, I would like to extend my support, in regard to the negative post made about you online. The forementioned comments were blatantly false but nonetheless hurtful. In regards all I can say is that ignorance breeds contempt.

And on that note I would like to underscore the danger in allowing ineptitude to permeate my profession of Radiography.

The training I endured involved the technical mastery but also the parallel scholastic trajectory through which my colleagues and I refined invaluable skills within the social dimension.

This bill renders insignificant all of that training. Omitting Sociology, Psychology, Computer Information Systems, Public Speaking, etc. not only limits potential professional growth of "limited" technologists but it also creates a workforce that is ignorant.

This proposed workforce will lack empathy and skill set to show compassion for a patient in too much pain to cooperate for an exam. They won't be able to troubleshoot a technical issue that inevitably happens WEEKLY with the infinitely delicate software that is required for these exams. These softer skills ensure that patients get quality care and save costs incurred by reducing damaged equipment and unscheduled service calls.

These soft skills increase my value as a Complete Technologist.

This bill is not in the best interest of patients, it's not in the best interest of Technologists, and it's long term not in the best interest of Big Healthcare.

I've trained students for Johns Hopkins and CCBC. Students of these programs are bright, optimistic, and excited to enter the workforce. Please do not discredit all that they have worked for.

Delegate Hutchinson you asked me Why 35 other states have allowed limited licensing? Because Maryland's Health system is uncompromisingly upholding standards. That is why WE, not those 35 other states have a renowned Health Care system.

A Health Care system that you are expected to value, nurture, and protect as we emerge from a pandemic. Our system is undoubtedly limping as we move forward; do not allow us to be exploited as we move ahead.

Please Vote NO on HB0934.