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To Members of the Following Committees:
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House Health and Government Operations Committee Chairman Delegate Joseline A. Pena-Melnyk AA HGO@mlis.state.md.us

RE: <u>SB 830</u> and <u>HB 934</u> Support Radiation Therapy, Radiography, Nuclear Medicine Technology, and Radiology Assistance - Limited Licensed Radiologic Technologist

Dear Chairmen,

This letter is in reference to SB 830 and HB 934. The American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT) is pleased to have the opportunity to comment on the proposed language updates that support the creation of a Limited Licensed Radiologic Technologist.

The ARRT is a national, voluntary certification organization that develops and administers standards to assess the qualifications of individuals in medical imaging and radiation therapy. It was founded in 1922 and is incorporated as a not-for-profit under the Internal Revenue Code Section 501(C)(6). ARRT currently certifies and registers more than 350,000 individuals nationwide as Registered Technologists in 15 disciplines, including Radiologic Technology, and Radiation Therapy. ARRT also administers examinations for Limited X-ray Machine Operators in individual states. Over 5,000 ARRT registered technologists reside in Maryland.

The ARRT supports that any healthcare professional who performs medical imaging procedures, including limited scope radiography, should be educationally prepared and clinically competent to ensure that patients are receiving safe, high quality medical imaging that minimizes dose to ionizing radiation. The ARRT is in support of the proposed legislation that recognizes those who perform Limited Licensed x-ray examinations in your state. Updating this language is an important step in supporting healthcare professionals who have completed appropriate training and assessment of knowledge to perform Limited Scope x-ray examinations.

We thank you for your support and look forward to a positive outcome.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at (651) 687-0048, ext. 3121 if I can provide further information.

Sincerely,

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