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Madam Chair & Members of the Finance Committee,

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My name is Jesus Martinez. I am the Lead Radiologic Technologist for Concentra Urgent Care center in Santa Ana California. I started as an X-Ray Technician 15 years ago in 2009. I then became a Radiologic Technologist in 2018.

Prior to going into this field, I did not have any experience in the medical field. Being an X-ray Technologist has been very beneficial to me helping build my interpersonal relations as you get to meet with so many people from different backgrounds. I have learned to build empathy for patients, and it has also helped me build confidence, especially in my communication skills.

Pursuing Limited Scope X-ray gave me a great foundation, as it allowed me to get hands on experience to do x-rays on patients that had different medical conditions such as Osteoporosis, Arthritis, or different types of fractures.

Being a Limited Scope X-ray Technician helped me realize I wanted to further my knowledge in this field. About 7 years after, I decided to go back to school and become a full registered Radiologic Technologist. My knowledge as a limited scope x-ray technician helped me be prepared for the challenge that the Radiology program brought as well as it helped me be better prepared for the ARRT exam.

As a full tech I then realized my job opportunities increased as I am allowed to do so much more within my scope, for example, getting to be certified in Fluoroscopy, CT or MRI. You can also take the route of being in education or health administration. But it all starts from taking that first step and becoming a Limited Scope X-ray Technician.

I hope that there is a favorable report on Senate Bill 830 and that Maryland healthcare professionals, such as Medical Assistants be given the opportunity to learn Limited Scope Radiography.

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