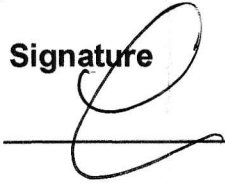
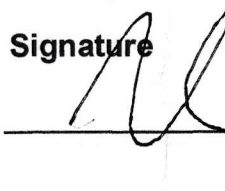
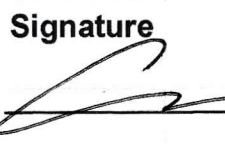


Dear Maryland General Assembly Members:

As medical doctors we urge your support [SB 874](#) and [HB 1006](#). Given the complex and intricate nature of the work surgical technologists perform, it is imperative that their role is performed by someone, who has graduated from an accredited associate degree program and is nationally certified. SB 874 and HB 1006 would phase in these requirements to make implementation easier and grandfather in the current workforce. Short-cut programs cannot properly prepare students for the life-saving role the profession plays and puts the patient and surgical team at risk. Please help us raise the bar of patient care by supporting SB 874 and HB1006.

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