

**Dear Members of the House Committee on Health Care:**

**My name is Bibiana, I am a certified and licensed radiologic technologist. I graduated from the Oregon Institute of Technology. I am writing to you today to say that I strongly oppose the amendment proposed to SB 1549-A to allow advanced practice registered nurses or certified registered nurse anesthetists to supervise or perform medical imaging procedures. Advanced practice registered nurses do not have the education, experience or skills required to perform, or supervise the performance of highly technical medical imaging procedures that use ionizing radiation like x-ray, fluoroscopy or computed tomography.**

**I firmly believe that only certified and licensed radiologic technologists should perform medical procedures that use ionizing radiation under the supervision of a licensed physician. Advanced practice registered nurses and certified registered nurse anesthetists are an important part of the patient care team, but do not have the specialized education and training in radiation safety, radiation protection or image acquisition to supervise or perform these complex and potentially dangerous imaging procedures.**

**I personally would not feel comfortable having my friends, family or myself being exposed to radiation for medical imaging purposes to be performed by a person who has not had the appropriate training or education. Radiation exposure is very serious and should only be performed by personnel trained accurately in the manner.**

**I encourage you to not adopt this amendment to SB 1549 to ensure that patients receive the best imaging care possible, performed and supervised by qualified health care professionals specializing in the management of radiation.**

**Sincerely,**

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