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It is my opinion, as well as many others in the profession of surgical technology that believe passing this bill will be a detriment to our profession and all people associated with the profession, this includes but isn't limited to the surgeons we work with daily and our patients we serve. It is completely illogical to tear down the structure of this profession, it takes years to learn all that's necessary to do this job well and without harm. The subjects of anatomy and physiology, medical Termanology, microbiology and pharmacology cannot be taught in some mini course. Diluting this profession and lowering the standards of care is NOT the answer for a shortage! We work hard and have done all the work that's necessary to be good at what we do, in my opinion, it's outrageous that all the structure we have and have worked hard to obtain will all be torn down, how unfair to all of us in the profession, the surgeons that need well educated staff, and the patients we serve. We need Surgical Technologists that have a foundation and have all the necessary education that a college program offers, this shows a dedication to the field, the surgeons we work with and the patients we serve. Our patients deserve people that posses these characteristics! Thank you!