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I ask that you consider the health and safety of patients first. The radiology class can be obtained through several roads now and I feel it is necessary to have education on safety and dental anatomy prior to just taking xrays. Its been difficult to obtain people who want to work. I don't think that lowering our standard of care should be the answer. Some other things that we may want to try is going into an on the job training program while in high school or evening and weekend courses. Reasonably priced with possible payment options. Possibly by the dentist who is wanting to hire such a person. The lowering the standard diminishes my value. I believe that for quality care education is necessary. The why of something is very important. the numbers and surfaces of the teeth as well as shapes and angles must be first prior to just pushing a button. Most dentists will not take the time required to teach an assistant prospect all that is necessary. As a thyroid cancer survivor I understand more than most the cumulative value on radiation. I ask that you consider the long term health of our patients when deciding on this.

Thank you Gwendolyn McClintock-Speas Restorative EFDA