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I am the administrator for an ambulatory surgery center and we employ certified surgical technologists (CST's). Due to limited programs and the requirements for certification, CST's are in short supply. We've had a CST position open for two years + and have had to engage recruiters and utilize RN's to fill this position at an extremely high and avoidable expense had there been an adequate number of CST's in the job market. I strongly support this bill as it will help solve a long term shortage of CST's impacting our ability to provide surgical services to the patients in our community.