

March 26, 2020

Donald J. Trump  
The President  
White House  
Washington, DC

Dear Mr. President,

The diagnostic imaging community greatly appreciates the actions you have taken to help curb the growth of the Coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic. Specifically, the declaration of a National State of Emergency and the invocation of the Defense Production Act, both of which will allow accelerated production and availability of Personal Protective Equipment (PPE) for those actively involved in face-to-face interaction with patients in hospitals and other healthcare facilities.

Diagnostic imaging professionals including radiologic technologists (i.e., radiography, computed tomography, magnetic resonance imaging, and nuclear medicine) and diagnostic medical sonographers (i.e., ultrasound) fulfill a critical role in the delivery of quality healthcare. Their highly refined expertise contributes greatly to accurate diagnosis of all diseases. As a result, they are an irreplaceable resource to effective healthcare delivery. These health care professionals cannot perform their job without intimate patient contact. Thus, it is critical that proper PPE be available to them.

The American College of Radiology (ACR), American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT), American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT), Society of Diagnostic Medical Sonography (SDMS), Society of Nuclear Medicine and Molecular Imaging (SNMMI), and Nuclear Medicine Technology Certification Board (NMTCB) are highly concerned by the insufficient supply of N95 masks, protective face shields, gowns, gloves and other equipment needed to keep diagnostic imaging professionals safe.

These dedicated, compassionate healthcare practitioners want to be able to do what is best for their patients. They should not be asked to expose themselves to COVID-19 and put their loved

ones at risk while performing the wide variety of lifesaving imaging exams that require their talents and expertise.

We stand ready to work with you and all of the federal and state agencies, as well as the private manufacturing community, to expand the necessary PPE resources and we implore you to further accelerate that production by all means necessary.

Thank you for recognizing the need to support and keep this key community of healthcare professionals safe and healthy.


Sincerely,



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