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June 14, 2018

Senator FIRST LAST NAME

United States House of Representatives

Washington, DC 20515

Re: S. 769, Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act of 2017

Dear Senator LAST NAME:

I am a Radiologist Assistant (RA) in STATE, and I am writing to ask you to cosponsor S. 769. This bipartisan bill will address Medicare’s lack of recognition of the RA profession, and will improve medical care for seniors with virtually no impact on federal spending.

S. 769 is common- sense legislation that will amend the Medicare statute to recognize RAs and enable radiology practices and Medicare to become more efficient. The bill will reduce patient access problems that are certain to worsen as the number of Medicare beneficiaries grows.

RAs will continue to lose jobs if Medicare does not recognize us. That failure severely limits the contribution that we can make, and hence limits RAs’ value to hospitals and radiologists in YOUR STATE.

We have been working with several national organizations to find a legislative solution that would ensure that Medicare adheres to the same physician supervision levels as is in state law. This would ensure that Medicare beneficiaries would have the same access to our services that non-Medicare patients have.

There are no organizations that oppose our legislation. It enjoys the full support of everyone in the medical imaging community; it preserves medical education programs and saves jobs.

As you can see from the enclosed list, S. 769, is supported by 87 national, state, and local organizations including [HIGHLIGHT ANY INSTITUTIONS IN YOUR STATE] major medical centers like Memorial Sloan Kettering, the University of Pittsburg Medical Center (UPMC) and Texas Children’s Hospital, major universities like Ohio State, Rutgers and University of Arkansas Medical Sciences, and the American College of Radiology, the American Registry of Radiologic Technologists, the American Society of Radiologic Technologists and the Society of Radiology Physician Extenders.

As a constituent, I support S. 769, and urge you to add your name to the bill’s cosponsor list soon.

Sincerely yours,

First name Last name, creds

Organizations and Companies That Support Authorizing

RAs to Practice to the Level of Their Education

* 1. Academy of Radiology Physician Extenders (ARPE)
  2. Allegheny Health Network, Pittsburgh, PA
  3. American College of Radiology (ACR)
  4. American Registry of Radiologic Technologists (ARRT)
  5. American Osteopathic College of Radiology (AOCR)
  6. Association for Medical Imaging Management (AHRA)
  7. Association of Collegiate Educators in Imaging and Radiologic Sciences (AEIRS)
  8. Association of Collegiate Educators in Radiologic Technology (ACERT)
  9. Brown Univ., Medical School/Rhode Island Hospital & The Miriam Hospital
  10. Catholic Health Initiatives
  11. Central Arkansas VA Healthcare System
  12. Certification Board for Radiology Practitioner Assistants
  13. Diagnostic Imaging Northwest (Tacoma, WA)
  14. Diversified Radiology, Lakewood, CO
  15. Foundation Radiology Group, Pittsburgh, PA
  16. Gundersen Health System, LaCrosse, WI
  17. Loma Linda University, School of Allied Health Professions
  18. Memorial Sloan Kettering Cancer Center (NY)
  19. Mercy Hospital, Rogers, AR
  20. National Rural Health Association (NRHA)
  21. Northwest Imaging, Kalispel, MT
  22. Ohio State University, Radiologic Sciences/Respiratory Therapy Division
  23. Peninsula Imaging, Salisbury, MD
  24. Powell Valley Healthcare, Powell Wyoming
  25. Quinnipiac University
  26. Radiologist Assistant Educators Council (RAEC)
  27. Radiology Business Management Association (RBMA)
  28. Radiology Consultants of Canton (OH)
  29. Radiology Consultants, Little Rock, AR
  30. Rutgers University-School of Health Related Professions, Diagnostic Medical Sonography Program
  31. Salem Radiology Consultants (OR)
  32. St. Luke’s Health Network, Bethlehem, PA
  33. St. Joseph Health System
  34. Texas Children’s Hospital/Baylor University College of Medicine, Dept. of Pediatric Radiology, Houston, TX
  35. University of Arkansas for Medical Sciences, Division of Pediatric Radiology
  36. University of Pittsburgh Medical Center, Dept. of Radiology
  37. Yale University School of Medicine, Department of Diagnostic Radiology
  38. Society of Radiology Physician Extenders (SRPE)

And state affiliates:

* 1. Arizona Society of Radiology Physician Extenders
  2. Colorado Society of Radiology Physician Extenders
  3. Massachusetts Society of Radiology Physician Extenders
  4. Texas Society of Radiology Practitioner Assistants
  5. American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT) - And state affiliates:
  6. Alabama Society of Radiologic Technologists
  7. Alaska Society of Radiologic Technologists
  8. Arizona Society of Radiologic Technologists
  9. Arkansas Society of Radiologic Technologists
  10. California Society of Radiologic Technologists
  11. Colorado Society of Radiologic Technologists
  12. Connecticut Society of Radiologic Technologists
  13. Florida Society of Radiologic Technologists
  14. Georgia Society of Radiologic Technologists
  15. Hawaii Society of Radiologic Technologists
  16. Idaho Society of Radiologic Technologists
  17. Illinois State Society of Radiologic Technologists
  18. Iowa Society of Radiologic Technologists
  19. Indiana Society of Radiologic Technologists
  20. Kansas Society of Radiologic Technologists
  21. Louisiana Society of Radiologic Technologists
  22. Maine Society of Radiologic Technologist
  23. Massachusetts Society of Radiologic Technologists
  24. Michigan Society of Radiologic Technologists
  25. Minnesota Society of Radiologic Technologists
  26. Mississippi Society of Radiologic Technologists
  27. Missouri Society of Radiologic Technologists
  28. Montana Society of Radiologic Technologists
  29. Nevada Society of Radiologic Technologists
  30. New Jersey Society of Radiologic Technologists
  31. New Hampshire Society of Radiologic Technologists
  32. New Mexico Society of Radiologic Technologists
  33. New York Society of Radiologic Technologists
  34. North Carolina Society of Radiologic Technologists
  35. North Dakota Society of Radiologic Technologists
  36. Ohio Society of Radiologic Technologists
  37. Oregon Society of Radiologic Technologists
  38. Oklahoma Society of Radiologic Technologists
  39. Pennsylvania Society of Radiologic Technologists
  40. Philadelphia Society of Radiologic Technologists
  41. South Dakota Society of Radiologic Technologists
  42. Texas Society of Radiologic Technologists
  43. Utah Society of Radiologic Technologists
  44. Vermont Society of Radiologic Technologists
  45. Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists
  46. Washington Society of Radiologic Technologists
  47. West Virginia Society of Radiologic Technologists
  48. Wisconsin Society of Radiologic Technologists
  49. Wyoming Society of Radiologic Technologists