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ATTN: Pat Murdo Economic Affairs Committee of the State of Montana

I have been notified that on October 22nd the Economic Affairs Committee will be reviewing the need for Licensure for Clinical Laboratory Scientist in the State of Montana. I am a Clinical Laboratory scientist who was licensed in the state of Montana in August of 2012. Previously to that I was a certified Medical laboratory Technologist since 2002. In this profession there is a need for high standards and attention to detail. Without licensure there would be a severe decline in patient care and patient test results. Health care is an ever changing and evolving field which requires a high level skill and competency.

I achieved a Bachelor of Science in Clinical Laboratory Science in 2012 and shortly there after became licensed in the state of Montana. There isn't a day that goes by where I do not pull from that foundation of knowledge and put it into use in my everyday job. When you achieve licensure in this field it is really the minimum acceptable grade of knowledge as a Clinical Laboratory Scientist.

Air line pilots are required to go through schooling, simulator training, and observed flights with an instructor. Clinical Laboratory Scientists are trained using the same format before they are allowed to work on their own. Both of these professions can be dangerous or a threat to the person or the public. Licensure is one of the few ways that we can ensure emerging Clinical laboratory Scientists have a high level of specialized skill to perform their job. Without this base line determination there will be a high incidence of work related errors that could, and eventually would, kill a patient or cause harm to the unlicensed Clinical Laboratory Scientist.

Please keep the profession of Clinical Laboratory Scientist as a Licensed Profession.

Sincerely

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