

## Murdo, Patricia

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Hello Ms. Murdo,

My name is Jason Barrett and I am a dual credentialed RPA, RRA as well as credentialed as a radiologic technologist. I have recently learned that the Economic Affairs Interim Committee is considering cutting funding to occupational and professional boards such as the radiologic technology board. **I would like to formally submit my opposition** to Montana HB 525 as I feel that it would impact patients negatively in lowering standards of patient advocacy and safety.

As the President of the national society, Society of Radiology Physician Extenders, I represent 600+ radiology mid-levels across the county on issues state and federal. In addition to that position, I practice at Kalispell Regional Medical Center as a staff Radiology Practitioner Assistant. Currently, there is federal legislation pending in the US House of Representative, HR 1148 Medicare Access to Radiology Care Act, which would formally amend the social security act to recognize the state's authority to define supervision levels and scope of practice. Once passed, HR 1148 would look to individual states licensure and move away from the antiquated Medicare Physician Fee Schedule to define supervision levels for radiology mid-levels. Doing away with the Montana State Radiologic Technology licensure board would force another change either federally or on the state level, meaning an additional state licensure framework. Why not keep what is already working and comply with the already established standard of high quality in Montana radiology care.

I would like to also offer my personal experience as a practicing RPA and RT to testify in front of your committee if needed. Thank you for considering my view point and I hope to hear from you soon.

Respectfully,

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