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I am a retired Clinical Laboratory Scientist who has been made aware of the impending review of the Montana Board of Clinical Laboratory Science Practitioners. I was an active member of my professional society during the initial attempts to achieve licensure in Montana and am still committed to the concept. I have read Ms. Rice's testimony and concur entirely with her perspective. Our goal in instituting a governing body for Laboratory Practitioners was to insure accurate, consistent, reliable and timely results to our providers in order that the healthcare of all Montanans could be improved. That goal should still exist today.

While I am no longer employed in my profession, I am an aging and concerned consumer. Prior to my retirement, I was acutely aware of the ever-increasing emphasis on fewer people turning out more work. In my opinion, this quantity versus quality mentality will only be exacerbated by implementation of the Affordable Care Act. The need for intelligent, well-educated professionals becomes more critical as demands and complexity of procedures increase. Administrations may argue that employing people of lesser education (ergo:lower compensation) to perform diagnostic testing will ultimately lead to decreased cost. In my estimation, this is short-sided thinking. The detrimental effect of inaccurate or poorly performed procedures in the Laboratory can most certainly go beyond the bottom line to the very reputation of the facility.

In closing, I urge the committee to retain the Montana Board of Clinical Laboratory Practitioners in its current scope and practice.

Respectfully submitted,

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