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I am a Clinical Laboratory Scientist working in Montana providing quality, consistent laboratory testing, participating in continuing education to ensure my competency as required by Montana licensure.

Clinical laboratory services are a vital component of health care, ensuring optimal patient outcomes. Laboratory professionals must provide accurate, specific and reliable information using state-of-the-art technology to facilitate evidence-based patient care decisions. Laboratory personnel licensure is essential to protect the public from substandard laboratory services and possibly misleading information, by assuring that only adequately educated and qualified individuals perform testing.

I support Clinical Laboratory Science licensure. Licensure sets standards, defines scope of practice and excludes those who have not acquired the appropriate requisites for clinical laboratory science.

The current economic and regulatory healthcare environment benefits when qualified clinical laboratory professionals function in their designated role to achieve high quality, cost-effective assessment, diagnosis, treatment and prevention to meet the needs of a changing healthcare consumer.

Please retain Clinical Laboratory Science licensure to ensure quality laboratory testing in Montana.

Thank you,

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