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Dear Assemblyman Conaway and Assemblyman Mukherji:

The Joint Review Committee on Education in Radiologic Technology (JRCERT) is the accrediting agency for traditional and distance education programs in radiography, radiation therapy, medical dosimetry, and magnetic resonance. The JRCERT is the only programmatic accrediting agency recognized by both the United States Department of Education (USDE) and the Council for Higher Education Accreditation (CHEA).

The JRCERT expresses its gratitude for the introduction of Assembly Bill 3763. The establishment of educational and certification standards for magnetic resonance technologists assures the citizens of New Jersey that qualified individuals have the knowledge, skills, and values to competently perform magnetic resonance procedures. As a result, the public is assured safe and high quality healthcare service.

Following review of the proposed changes for inclusion of magnetic resonance technologists, we noted a number of areas that we hope you will consider for modification.

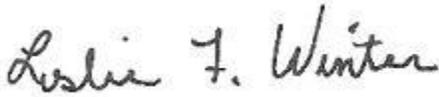
1. The bill identifies the Commission on Accreditation of Allied Health Education Programs (CAAHEP) as the accreditor of educational programs in the radiologic sciences. CAAHEP does not accredit programs in the radiologic sciences. The JRCERT is the only programmatic accrediting agency recognized by both the USDE and CHEA to accredit educational programs in radiography, radiation therapy, medical dosimetry, and magnetic resonance. Programmatic accreditation assures that programs meet acceptable levels of quality based on Standards developed by the profession.
2. As the accreditor of magnetic resonance programs, the JRCERT Board of Directors has adopted the Magnetic Resonance Curriculum developed by the American Society of Radiologic Technologists (ASRT). Accredited programs are required to teach the latest curriculum that is developed by the professional society (ASRT). This will assure that graduates have the knowledge, skills, and values to practice as entry-level practitioners. The JRCERT believes that the inclusion of the professional curriculum within the bill is critical.

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3. The American Registry of Radiologic Technology (ARRT) is the national certification body that provides certification examinations in radiography, radiation therapy, and magnetic resonance. Graduates of JRCERT- accredited programs are eligible to sit for the national certification examinations offered by the ARRT. The bill identifies the ARRT as the national certifying agency for radiography and radiation therapy. The ARRT has certified individuals in magnetic resonance imaging since 1995. The JRCERT believes the inclusion of the information identifying the ARRT as a certification agency for magnetic resonance programs is critical.

The JRCERT appreciates the opportunity to provide comments regarding Assembly Bill 3763. If I can be of further assistance, do not hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,



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