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I am writing to express my concern regarding the potential loss of The Montana Board of Radiologic Technologists. It is important to remember that this board of professionals is what keeps this vital component of a healthcare team filled with quality individuals. I can't imagine that healthcare providers in rural Montana would be supportive of this effort.

Remember the people responsible for saving you or your loved ones lives in a trauma setting need to be great at what they do. Incompetence can lead to more harm. For example, let's say your high school aged child is out joy riding and ends up in a MVA (Motor Vehicle Accident). While in the field, the EMTs stabilize your child's neck just in case there is trauma to any of the vertebrae and associated spinal cord. If an incompetent individual removes the brace, moves the neck wrong, shoots a poor quality image or allows a combative person to exacerbate a fractured vertebrae, your child could die or be paralyzed.

Thank you for your time,  
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