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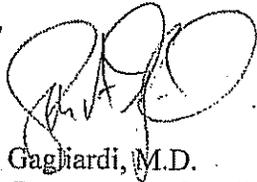
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I strongly support the Radiologist Assistant profession in the State of Connecticut. Licensure in our state for the professional Radiologist Assistants will allow the Radiology Departments to enhance quality patient care while assuring radiation exposure safeguard for Connecticut patients and health providers.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. A. Gagliardi".

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