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The Honorable Peter Tercyak, Co-chair
The Honorable Gary A. Holder-Winfield, Co-chair
Connecticut General Assembly
Labor and Public Employees Committee
Room 3800, Legislative Office Building
Hartford, CT 66106

Re: Senate Bill 242 - An Act Concerning Sick Leave for Teacher Assistants and Radiologic Technologists

Dear Chairman Tercyak and Chairman Holder-Winfield:

The American Society of Radiologic Technologists represents 153,000 medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals with nearly 2,500 members residing or working in Connecticut. ASRT supports the enactment of S.B. 242 and supports the inclusion of radiologic technologists and all medical imaging and radiation therapy professionals in 31-57r (7), Conn. Gen. Stat.

Radiologic technologists are important members of the health care team. Technologists create diagnostic images leading to the diagnosis of illness and injury, provide real-time imaging during interventional procedures and treat patients with radiation to cure cancer. As valued members of the health care team, radiologic technologists should be granted the same rights to paid sick-leave as other health care workers.

ASRT encourages the Labor and Public Employees Committee to pass S.B. 242 and for the Connecticut General Assembly to enact this into law.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Christine J. Lung". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large, sweeping initial "C".

Christine J. Lung, CAE
Vice President of Government Relations and Public Policy