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The Honorable Ron Wyden
United States Senate
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Dear Senator Wyden,

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Senator Wyden, you and Congress have an opportunity to improve the quality of medical imaging examinations and radiation therapy treatments by establishing federally mandated education and competency standards. Patients from all health care settings, rural or metropolitan, would receive the same standard of care from an educated and credentialed medical imaging and radiation therapy professional.

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