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Subject: Fw: support for HB457

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From: K. Gatrell R.T.
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Sent: Thursday, March 10, 2005 3:11 PM
Subject: support for HB457

Dear Jani,

I am the Radiology Director of Big Horn County Memorial Hospital in Hardin, MT.
I am writing in support of HB457. Having the advantage of being able to have a RA perform our flouroscopy procedures is a great asset to our community. Many of our patients are elderly and would have a difficult time traveling. I feel the service we receive is very professional. I feel confident with a RA performing the procedure and having our films digitized to a Radiologist for review. There is such a shortage of Radiologists that without RA's we as a small rural hospital will lose the revenue of these procedures.
I hope it will be taken into consideration the hardships that rural hospitals must endure in order to provide quality healthcare. Please help us to keep our RA's.

Thank you,

Kristi Gatrell, Radiology Director