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Dear Mr. Carlson;

I am writing in response to the new fee schedule. I operate a small Radiology and Nuclear Medicine outpatient laboratory.

Any increase to a Medical facility is an injustice. With malpractice insurance skyrocketing, reimbursement for most of the procedures performed in Radiology and Nuclear Medicine decreasing every year, and operating cost increasing, its becoming a losing battle to make a profit. If all these trends continue, more and more labs will close. If this happens, access to quality and timely healthcare will be in jeopardy. I understand the Importance of the NRC but when it comes to Medical facilities, increasing fee could end up decreasing the availability of quality healthcare in many areas of the country.

Thank you for the opportunity to voice my opinion about the proposed fee schedule for 2004.

Thank you for your time;

Ken Levin, M.D.

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