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The Honorable Jim McCrery
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2104 Rayborn Building
Washington, DC 20515

Dear Representative McCrery:

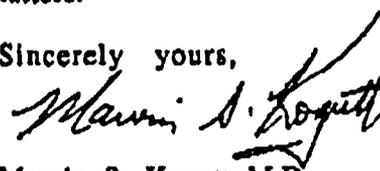
I recently met with Representative Livingston in order to discuss several health care issues of concern to the American College of Radiology. He indicated that the regulatory issues would more appropriately fall under your purview, and requested that I forward the enclosed information to you.

We would appreciate your support on the issues of MQSA recertification, and the proposed NRC revision of 10 CFR Part 35. In both instances, the "bottom line" result would be to preserve the high standards necessary for optimum patient care and protection.

Regarding MQSA reauthorization, we feel that the listed modifications would enhance and strengthen the current act. With respect to the NRC regulations revision, we feel reducing the requirements for the use of diagnostic radiol isotopes poses a very real possibility of putting patients at risk due to inadequate physician training. We would appreciate your reviewing the enclosed draft of a letter to Dr. Jackson, and sending it or a version that you would be comfortable with, to her in support of this position.

If I may offer any further information, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you for your assistance in these matters.

Sincerely yours,



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