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Senator Carol Moseley-Braun  
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Dear Senator Moseley-Braun:

Currently the (NRC) Nuclear Regulatory Commission's Advisory Council for medical use of isotopes has endorsed streamlining the radiation safety training experience requirements for diagnostic cardiology to 120 hours. The current level of training is an onerous 1200 hours. In the last decade, cardiology has taken a significant role in advancing the applicability of nuclear cardiology to diagnosis and management of patients. With the involvement of cardiology, there has been a major increase in quality of nuclear cardiology and a dramatic decrease in false/negative tests and improved reliability of testing. Given the additional 3 to 4 years of subspecialty training that cardiologists receive, their ability to understand the physiology of nuclear cardiology is far superior to those who do not proceed along the subspecialty track.

While these proposed changes do not affect my current practice or my group's practice because we have all functioned with the previous guidelines, I think that it's imperative in the future that the guidelines be made reasonable. I would ask that you or your staff contact the NRC in support of its revised training experience requirements.

Sincerely yours,

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