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Dear Madam Chairwoman,

I am a clinical endocrinologist and have been practicing for almost 10 years. I am writing in support of the NRC staff recommendations regarding training needed to treat Thyroid disease with Iodine-131.

The proposal to maintain the current 80 hours training is very reasonable. To increase it to 700 hours would essentially prohibit Endocrinologists from being able to treat Thyroid disease with I-131. As a group, we are the best trained Physicians to treat thyroid diseases and have pioneered the use of Radioisotopes in laboratory medicine and in the treatment of Thyroid disorders.

We have exemplary safety record as a licensed group of physicians using Iodine-131.

I strongly urge you to support the NRC staff recommendations. The care of patients with thyroid diseases will improve by encouraging more clinical Endocrinologists to pursue licensure with NRC for this purpose.

Sincerely, *A. R. Barber*

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