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To whom it may concern:

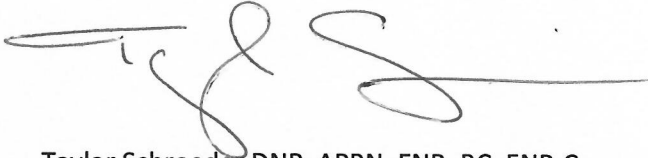
This is an open letter requesting revision and alteration of the current state statute under the Medical Radiography Practice Act (38-1905).

I am an advanced practice registered nurse (APRN) who works in a critical access hospital, in Kimball, Nebraska. Similar to many other critical access hospitals across Nebraska there are time periods every day that I am the only credentialed provider within the facility staffing the Emergency Department. Many of the patients that come in to the Emergency Department have injuries that can be most optimally treated with the guidance of fluoroscopy for procedures such as reduction of fractures. As the current statute stands, APRN's are not legally authorized to use or receive training for fluoroscopy, in the state of Nebraska.

This restriction works to the detriment of many patients in rural areas as their care can be expedited and optimized with use of fluoroscopy. I currently am employed as an APRN in a neighboring state, Wyoming, who allows APRN's to use this practice which serves as a great advantage to the patient.

Please thoughtfully consider alteration of this act for the betterment to the patients and families in rural Nebraska.

Very Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Taylor Schroeder', with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

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