



August 16, 2005

Mick Ender
Program Director
Radiologic Technology Program
University of Montana-College of Technology
Deaconess Billings Clinic

Dear Mick,

Thank you for rotating the new Radiology students through our Deaconess Billings Clinic Westend Branch. With family practice providers, Sameday Care, Occupational Health Medicine, and our Mammography satellite branch, the students have seen and performed a wide variety of Radiographic exams. We have been very impressed with the students' abilities and professionalism when handling the patients. They have been enthusiastic and very willing to learn. I am glad to see the student program re-activated with Deaconess Billings Clinic/ Hospital and associated through the college. I fully support your new program, believe it to be very thorough and the students have an opportunity to get a college degree.

Your new program will help fulfill the shortage of registered Radiologic Technologists and be a true asset to the community and the State of Montana.

Best of Luck,

Linda Knutson, Rt (R)(M)

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Board of Regents of Higher Education
Montana University System
2500 Broadway
Helena MT 59620

Dear Board of Regents:

The purpose of this letter is to express continuing support for the School of Radiography at Montana State University – Billings College of Technology. As the Director of Radiology at Deaconess Billings Clinic and a registered Radiologic Technologist I am acutely aware of the importance of supporting educational programs in the field of Radiologic Technology.

The demand for healthcare professionals such as Radiologic Technologists continues to increase nationally while a shortage of trained professionals and educational programs continues to plague healthcare institutions, especially in rural states such as Montana. Deaconess Billings Clinic was pleased to assist in the development of the program at MSU-B, COT and enjoys providing a clinical site for student training. We employ a full time clinical instructor and take our role in the student's education very seriously. Our staff participate with the COT in applicant screening, laboratory instruction, and other activities as needed by the program. Both hospitals continue to be committed to financially supporting the program as well.

I hope that as the program at COT grows that the Board of Regents of Higher Education will continue to support it and provide the necessary resources to insure its success and professional development of the field of Radiologic Technology.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Courtney Funk", is written over a faint, larger version of the same signature.

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