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Regarding **WSR 16-16-016-PROPOSED RULES**

Dear Ms. Austin,

On behalf of the Washington State Radiological Society, I am submitting the following comments on Chapter 246-226 WAC, Radiation protection—Computed tomography, which establishes a new chapter of rules for the safe and effective use of computed tomography (CT) X-ray systems for diagnostic purposes.

The Washington State Radiological Society fully supports the establishment and implementation of the Washington State proposed rules for the safe and effective use of CT x-ray systems for diagnostic purposes. There is an urgent need for these regulations in our State as currently there is no global oversight of CT. Several other states around the country have CT regulations. The proposed rules will create consistent statewide requirements for all facilities using CT X-ray systems for diagnostic purposes in Washington State. This should, in turn, hopefully reduce the radiation dose in CT as well make consistent the education and credentialing requirements for radiologists, technologists and physicists across the State.

Thank you for forwarding this comment to the committee evaluating these rules.

If you have any questions, feel free to contact me.

Sincerely,

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