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Mr. Briel,

My name is Rick Horne and I have been a CST for 10 years. I have worked as a CST and am now an instructor in one of the greatest professions.

I am asking the Nebraska Medical Association to support establishing a license for surgical technologists in the state of Nebraska, as well as clearly defining the qualifications that are required by professionals to practice these roles and establishing a scope of practice defining the tasks and functions the surgical technologist is allowed to perform.

The operating room is a unique place where everyone in the room must work as a team to take care of the patient. Our role as a CST is to not just set up the room. Our duties include anticipation of the Surgeon's needs and assisting him/her with a multitude of other tasks vital to making the surgery go smoothly and helping our patients receive the best care possible.

Every patient deserves the best possible care when they enter the operating room. By regulating the profession, we can insure that the CST is held to a standard of education. The public assumes or expects that the people taking care of them are sound in what they do. By regulating this profession we can insure that every patient gets the best care possible. As someone who has been in both the patient role and as a CST, taking care of the patient; having quality staff who is competent in what they do can have an impact on the quality of care each person receives. Every patient deserves the best. Every patients deserves a quality CST.

Thank you for your consideration to support creation of a license for surgical technologists.

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