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Mr. Briel and esteemed committee members,

I would like to take this opportunity to give my support towards Surgical Technologists of Nebraska in their 407 process to require their licensure to participate in surgery.

As key members of the surgical team it is pertinent that each member has the highest of competencies and the requirement of licensure would guarantee each technologist would have the proper education and training.

During these times of rising health care costs, the demand for proper sterile technique to reduce the risks of infection is ever increasing, and the demand for well educated, fully invested surgical technologists is one of the keys to this process. I feel licensure will be one of the tools necessary to ensure this pathway be followed properly.

As a Fellow Trained Joint Surgeon I recognize the importance for my surgical team to be highly skilled and anticipatory to my and the patient's needs leading me to the realization that all participants having licensure would create the high level of care I expect. I conclude that licensure of surgical technologists would be a means to achieve this goal.

Sincerely,



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