[The Honorable – and full name of constituent elected official]

]Local district office address]

Dear [representative or senator and surname\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_],

I am writing as your constituent to urge your support of the [bill title and number], sponsored by [name of sponsor] and co-sponsored by [insert co-sponsors]. The proposed legislation will require that surgical technologists in the operating room are appropriately credentialed and certified. I am the Director of Surgical Services at \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ [institution/program, and location/city]. In this capacity, I am responsible for the staffing, supervision and support of surgical technologists and other hospital personnel in my facility’s operating rooms. I have had the opportunity to work closely with surgical technologists throughout my career. Surgical technologists are an integral and valuable member of the surgical team. They are responsible for ensuring that the supplies, equipment and instruments needed for surgical procedures are available and in operational order, and that the surgical field is and remains sterile. Their ability to anticipate the sequential order of surgical procedures and the needs of surgeons contributes to successful outcomes and the quality of care that the patient receives.

Patients assume that all personnel caring for them are properly educated and have appropriate clinical experience; however, surgical technologists remain the only members of the surgical team who are not required to meet threshold educational and certification criteria to practice in their area of expertise. Passage of a surgical technologist credentialing bill will obviate this alarming disparity and ensure that all personnel caring for patients undergoing surgery are appropriately educated and meet minimum continuing education standards.

Thank you for your consideration.

Very truly yours,

First Name Last Name, Credentials

[Title/specialty]

[home address]

telephone/cell number