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Ms. Wendy Rabbie
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Dear Ms. Rabbie:

I am writing to inform you that the Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care has received direction to regulate diagnostic medical sonographers under the College of Medical Radiation Technologists of Ontario. In addition, we have received direction that the College is to begin the registration of diagnostic medical sonographers by January 2018.

Regulating diagnostic medical sonographers under the College will bring them under the same regulatory framework as other medical imaging technologists, enhancing patient protection through the establishment of minimum entry to practice requirements and ongoing oversight. Once regulated, patients will be assured that their diagnostic medical sonographer is subject to ongoing quality assurance and the College's robust complaints and discipline mechanisms.

The College's successful incorporation of MRI technologists demonstrated considerable expertise in regulating a new specialty, and I am confident that this experience will facilitate the smooth regulation of diagnostic medical sonography.

In order to achieve this task within the timeline provided, I am requesting the College work with my staff to bring forward amendments to the necessary regulations as soon as possible.

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Ms. Wendy Rabbie

The ministry looks forward to working with you on this important initiative.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact Allison Henry, Director, Health System Labour Relations and Regulatory Policy Branch at 416-327-8543 or allison.henry@ontario.ca.

Sincerely,



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Enclosure

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