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Ms. Mary Olivera, MS, CRCST, CHL
Mount Sinai Medical Center
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Dear Ms. Olivera:

I am writing in response your letter (and the petitions enclosed with it) supporting the bill to license central service technicians (A3220 /S3737). Central service technicians provide a vital service in New York's hospitals and I agree that it is important that the professionals responsible for decontamination, preparation and sterilization of surgical instruments have the knowledge necessary to prevent the spread of infection and injuries that occur from improperly prepared equipment.

As we discussed when we met on November 13, 2007, all licensing legislation that comes before the Higher Education Committee goes through a thorough investigation as to the clarity of bill drafting, effects the legislation would have on the scope of practice of other groups of professionals, support for and opposition to the proposed licensing, and the opinion of the agency charged with regulating the profession (both the State Department of Education and the State Department of Health in this case). My staff is currently engaging in the review of this legislation. Only when this review is complete will I be able to consider placing the bill on the agenda for a meeting of the Higher Education Committee.

Thank you for your work on this important issue. I invite you to remain in contact with my office regarding this legislation during the upcoming legislative session.

Sincerely,

Deborah J. Glick
Assemblymember

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