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Dear Dr. Seibert:

The American Society for Radiation Oncology is very pleased to see that the American Association of Physicists in Medicine and the American College of Medical Physics have been making progress toward their goal of assuring quality medical care by pursuing licensure of clinical medical physicists.

As you know, ASTRO has been working for many years on improving the safety of radiation therapy and has redoubled its efforts in the past 18 months with our "Target Safely" plan. One of the key tenants of the plan is the appropriate certification of all professional personnel associated with the delivery of treatment. ASTRO fully supports your position that anyone practicing clinical medical physics should be appropriately credentialed and ultimately licensed to practice.

We wish you every success in achieving your goal and look forward to our continued collaboration on improving quality and safety.

Sincerely,



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Chief Executive Officer

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