Dear IL General Assembly Members:

<u>As a medical doctor I urge your support SB 2653, the Operating Room</u> <u>Patient Safety Act</u>. Given the complex and intricate nature of the work they perform, <u>it is imperative that the role of the surgical technologist is performed</u> <u>by someone, who has graduated from an accredited associate degree program</u> <u>and is nationally certified.</u> SB 2653 would phase in these requirements to make implementation easier and grandfather the current workforce. Short-cut programs can't properly prepare students for the life-saving role the profession plays and puts the patient and surgical team at risk. Please help us raise the bar of patient care by supporting SB 2653.

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