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To the Revenue and Resource Committee: Cara Miyasaki, Phuong Tran, Mike Teijeiro

On behalf of the current and prospective students of the Foothill Radiologic program, we are addressing this committee due to the evolving needs of our education. Our education prepares us to go into a field of ever-changing technologies, protocols, and diagnostic imaging that saves lives daily. This field is ever changing, and so our education must evolve with it. The educational tools that worked five years ago cannot succeed today. The specific request we students are making for ourselves and prospective students is that we be granted more space to facilitate and advance the learning outcomes and attainment of practical skill during our education so that we go into the field fully a

on any given day or week, a technician with access to a wide variety of different technologies and types of equipment. We do not only take x-rays in dedicated x-ray rooms, but we also use portable machines to take radiographs in patient's rooms and use C-arms in the operating room or surgery. All of these use different body mechanics, positioning guidelines, and modes of critical thinking. Traditional learning is measured by what you know and what you think. Our learning and success are measured not only by how we think and what we know, but also by how we execute a physical action. We do not learn only by developing neural connections in our brains, but also through developing neural connections throughout our body. We need to learn to move patient and equipment by hands on learning and repetitious movements. Physical practice is key. Current learning space for learning is only set up to facilitate a small proportion of these modalities. Essentially, we have a classroom accessible during our clinical rotations at local health care facilities, but not all students have access and time to practice with these tools depending on where they are assigned for their clinical rotation. Having space for reliable, consistent, organized, clutter free and safe use of the equipment is necessary for us to succeed would advance our learning outcomes, make us more marketable and employable, and continue to set the reputation of Foothill College apart as one of the leaders in Radiologic Technology education in the Bay Area and beyond. Your time and consideration in reading this letter is appreciated, and we await your response with gratitude and thanks.

Sincerely,

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