WI-AST Surgeon, Anesthesiologist, & CRNA Recruiting

As you may have heard AST is introducing legislation in Wisconsin in the near future. In short, the legislation would require healthcare facilities to verify the credentials of surgical technologists before hiring them. Surgical technologists must show proof of completing an accredited education and obtaining certification through a certifying body recognized by the American College of Surgeons. There would be other avenues to continue working such as grandfathering (already working as a surgical technologist) or having obtained training through the armed forces.

A factor in getting the legislation passed is to recruit other health care professionals to support our position. AST is reaching out to our local assemblies to have members recruit surgeons, anesthesiologists, and CRNAs to sign letters of support, and in some cases be available to testify and legislative committee hearings. Attached are draft letters of support to share with surgeons, anesthesiologists, and CRNAs.

Please let us know if you are able to obtain letters of support. Email scanned copies of the letters at [governmentaffairs@ast.org](mailto:governmentaffairs@ast.org). Thank you for your assistance.