

THE CARE BILL (H.R. 583 / S. 1042)

LESSON 101

HOW TO WRITE A LETTER TO YOUR CONGRESSMAN OR SENATOR

- 1. Be brief and to the point. Always check for spelling.**
- 2. Be positive and constructive in your wording.**
- 3. Write your own letter. Use your own thoughts, not someone else's.**
- 4. If you want, describe personal experiences relating the need for quality standards in our field. (do not reveal confidential patient information and avoid using names)**
- 5. If you are writing to several members of Congress and Senate, make sure that the letter you send is addressed to the correct Congressional Or Senate office.**
- 6. You can go to the following web site to check for the appropriate Address: www.visi.com/juan/congress**
- 7. You can also fax your letter (though it would be more proper to mail it) to your Congressman or Senator, because security screening of mail creates long delays in delivery.
(See www.house.gov or www.senate.gov for the fax numbers.)**

******* KEY POINTS IN YOUR CONGRESSIONAL
AND SENATE LETTERS ON THE CARE BILL**

- 1. Care---- Consistency, Accuracy, Responsibility and Excellence in Medical Imaging and Radiation Therapy.**
- 2. The Care Bill is designed to establish NATIONWIDE educational And credentialing standards for personnel who perform many types Of medical imaging examinations and individuals who plan and deliver Radiation therapy treatments.**
- 3. The Care Bill would also reduce health care costs, by bringing down The number of medical imaging examinations that have to be repeated. Poor images can lead to misdiagnosis, more testing and delays in treatment to the patient. Repeated imaging examinations costs the U.S. health system millions and millions of dollars each year.**

4. **The Care Bill would make sure that the safety of medical imaging and Radiation Therapy procedures is improved. If administered properly, radiation is an important tool in the diagnosis and treatment of a disease or injury. Certain procedures can carry a potential health risk, and radiation can be harmful if not administered properly.**
5. ******* Sadly, there are more rules governing massage therapists, Hair stylists and individuals who are manicurists.**
6. ******* Please co-sponsor and support passage of the CARE BILL S. 1042 (Senate) or H.R. 583 (House) this year !**

THESE ARE EXAMPLES IN WHAT YOU CAN PUT INTO YOUR LETTER. JUST REMEMBER TO MAKE YOUR LETTER BRIEF, NOT LONG.

LET'S WORK TO MAKE THIS BILL A REALITY THIS YEAR!!!!!!