Dear Members,

On behalf of the leadership of the SNMMI Technologist Section, I want to express my sincere appreciation to all of you. As our normal lives have been flipped upside down in the last three weeks and have continued to evolve from day to day, you have remained strong, resilient and focused on caring for your patients—as you always do.

We have been asked, as members of the medical community, to withstand the most devastating pandemic since the turn of the century. Some of us have been asked to alter how we teach, others of us have lost our jobs, and in the worst situations, some of us have had to leave our nuclear medicine responsibilities and move to the front line to help as our hospitals became overwhelmed by patients affected with the COVID-19 virus. However, I continue to hear from you that you are staying positive—you are working with your colleagues across departments and fields to continue to serve and provide comfort to not only your patients but also your friends and family.

While each situation is different, please know that the one thing that remains constant is that the SNMMI-TS is here for you. We are here as a resource, through our new COVID-19 Resource Center. We are here to try to answer your questions and provide guidance—please reach out to us via covidhelp@snmmi.org. We are here to serve you by providing educational resources to make it easy for you to stay current with your certifications during this extraordinary time. We are here to bring stakeholders together—such as working with the NMTCB, ARRT and JRCNMT to provide information for students unable to complete their clinical experience, recertification and necessary CE hours. Finally, we are here, as your extended family, to listen and support you.

Regardless of your current situation, I know that we will get through this. Nuclear medicine technologists are extraordinary individuals: We prepare and inject radiopharmaceuticals. We create vivid diagnostic images. We see patients at their worst and comfort and support them.

It is an honor serving as your Technologist Section president. I am proud to be a nuclear medicine technologist—now more than ever! Wishing you and your family health and wellness as we continue to navigate through this unprecedented time.

Sincerely,

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