



September 28, 2018

Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians
Jaime Hicks, LVT
President
3801 Westerre Parkway, Suite D
Henrico, VA 23233

Dear Jaime,

The Veterinary Technology Program at Blue Ridge Community College supports the National Veterinary Nurse Initiative and the title change of Licensed Veterinary Technician to Registered Veterinary Nurse. The program fully endorses the position of both the National Association of Veterinary Technicians in America and the Virginia Association of Licensed Veterinary Technicians.

Uniform credentialing exists nationwide for positions in the human medical profession, as well as for veterinarians. The same should exist for the profession of veterinary technology. States could preserve autonomy and still clearly define the role of this position in their veterinary practice acts.

The title change to Registered Veterinary Nurse will improve the public's understanding of the professional role these individuals serve. Concurrent title protection is essential as unlicensed individuals being referred to as technicians continues to be an issue in Virginia. Both will help to further protect the safety of veterinary patients.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Bret A. VanLear, DVM".

Bret A. VanLear, DVM
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Blue Ridge Community College