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To Whom It May Concern:

The American Society of Extracorporeal Technology (AmSECT), the world's largest professional society of cardiovascular perfusionists, seeks to foster improved care, safety, and outcomes during the use of extracorporeal support devices. Certified Clinical Perfusionists play a very important, exclusive role in cardiothoracic surgery and intensive care units in hospitals across the country operating cardiopulmonary bypass machines and a variety of other mechanical extracorporeal support devices.

The Bureau of Labor and Statistics [projected employment](#) in healthcare occupations to grow 16% from 2020 to 2030.¹ The pandemic has accelerated healthcare employment opportunities. Perfusionist employment opportunities are no exception. With the state of the economy and the unprecedented number of job vacancies for certified clinical perfusionists across the country, we urge you to consider adding the profession of certified clinical perfusionist to the [US TN-1 Visa Eligibility Professions List](#).² AmSECT strongly recommends that the minimum eligibility requirements for individuals applying for permission to work in the United States under a TN-1 Visa include: baccalaureate degree and current certification from the American Board of Cardiovascular Perfusion (CCP). The candidate must also obtain a state license where applicable. These criteria should be easily met since perfusionists who train in Canada and perfusionists who train in the United States take the same board examination.

Thank you for your timely consideration of this matter.

1. <https://www.bls.gov/ooh/healthcare/mobile/home.htm>
2. <https://workpermit.com/immigration/usa/us-tn-1-visa-eligible-professions-list>

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Tami Rosenthal'. The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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