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Anne Allensworth

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Dear Ms. Allensworth,

I am writing in response to the commission's report on the State Board of Dental Examiners. I have been a Dental Assistant for almost four years and I am a Registered dental Assistant. I also hold certificates for coronal polishing, Pit and Fissure Sealants and Nitrous Oxide monitoring. I am not in favor of abolishing Registration or Certifications for dental assistants. Education in the infection Control is necessary to protect patients, the doctor and the staff and myself.

No infection Control education could cause harm to all involved from cross contamination, no radiology training could cause harm to myself, other staff members and patients due to lack of education and overexpose. DA need to know the laws and rules in the dental field. We want all involved in the dental field to remain safe and educated. Any DA not educated in Nitrous Oxide may not or will not know the symptoms or signs of a patient in distress and will not know how to react accordingly.

My membership with the American Dental Assistants Association provides me with liability insurance, which will hold me liable for my own action in my office. The dentist insurance will not cover me if I am sued and even if I am innocent.

Sincerely,

Maggie K Ahlders