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Dear Ms. Allensworth,

I am writing in response to the Commission's report on the State Board of Dental Examiners (SBDE).

I have been a dental assistant (DA) for almost 16 years and I am a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA). I also hold certificates in coronal polishing, Pit & Fissure Sealant and Nitrous Oxide monitoring.

I am not in favor of abolishing the Registration or Certifications for dental assistants.

The education in Infection Control is so very important to protect patients, the doctor and all the staff in our dental offices.

I also appreciated getting the education in Radiology where I learned how to protect the patient and also myself.

I firmly believe that it is necessary and should always remain a requirement for a dental assistant (DA) to know

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state laws and SBDE (Board) rules.

I also believe that all Dental Assistants need to know what signs and symptoms to recognize on a patient in distress whom is under nitrous-oxide use, and how to react to the symptoms, so the Dental Assistants can help in an emergency situation.

Therefore, CPR education also remains very important!

Patients need to know that Dental Assistants are Registered and have certifications from specific education, because it tells them that you have the knowledge to do your job correctly and that they can TRUST you.

Respectfully submitted,
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