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Agency: STATE BOARD DENTAL EXAMINERS SBDE

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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed:

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Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

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- Proposed changes to continuing education requirements
- Disciplinary matters involving dental hygienists
- Evaluation and recommendation of accepted testing agencies that license dental hygienists: CDCA, CITA, CRDTS, SRTA, WREB

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree

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Sincerely,

Dental Hygiene Advisory Committee

Members of DHAC:

Ms. Dale Hahn, Chair - Hygienist Member

Dr. James W. Chancellor, Dentist Member

Ms. Carolyn Jackson, Hygienist Member

Ms. Lorie Jones, Hygienist Member

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