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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 in Dental Practice for over 35 years.

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

I believe Education in Infection Control is necessary to protect patients, the doctor and staff and myself. Without infection Control education harm to all involved from cross contamination could occur. As well lack of formalized education in Radiology could cause a DA to overexpose a patient or the DA.

I believe it's necessary for DA's to know state laws and SBDE (Board) rules, to prevent a DA from harming her/himself or a patient.

Any DA who has not been educated in nitrous monitoring would not know the signs and symptoms to recognize a patient in distress or how to react.

The dentist's liability insurance does not cover acts of ignorance, incompetence, or other damages caused by delegated duties performed by assistants. ,

It is the State of Texas responsibility and mission to protect the public from avoidable harm, and I believe it has been successful in this regard by licensing Dental Assistants.

Respectfully submitted,

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