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Zigna Patel

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 2 years and I am a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA). I am not in favor of abolishing Registration or Certifications for dental assistants.

I've been in the dental field for 2 years and I've gotten to work with so many great doctors and have been able to use my career as a dental assistant to further my career. I believe that it's a great field for men and women to be in especially since it's such a short and convenient program. We are able to start a wonderful and rewarding career in a matter of time.

Education in Infection Control is necessary to protect patients, the doctor and staff and myself.

No infection Control education could cause harm to all involved from cross contamination. Without proper education in infection control, I don't think I would have been as effective in my job. Being a dental assistant, the doctors depend on you to make sure all patients are being used with clean instruments. Without proper training, diseases can be caught. 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 towards it.

My membership in American Dental Assistants Association provides me with \$50,000.00 of liability insurance because I am liable for my actions in the office. The dentist's liability insurance will not cover me if I am sued, even if innocent.

Respectfully submitted,  
Zigna Patel