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Your Comments About the Staff Report, Including Recommendations Supported or Opposed: I am opposed to "Issue 2", and the recommendation cited in the Commission report to "discontinue the board's dental assistant certificate programs." Dental Assistants must continue to be properly trained and regulated so as to protect the public. The reason that there have been few complaints "concerning dental assistants' patient care" is because dental assistants ARE regulated and monitored. If deregulation occurs, complaints will likely increase and patient care will be greatly affected.

Any Alternative or New Recommendations on This Agency:

I recommend that the agency consider using one of the 3 employees/staff positions used for dental assistant certificate programs, to support the processing of licensing materials for dentists and dental hygienists.

My Comment Will Be Made Public: I agree