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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 the field for 33+ years! As well as my RDA I hold a separate Radiology Certification and a nitrous oxide certification.

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

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.

No education in Radiology could cause a DA to overexpose a patient or the DA. Which could cause future harm to the patient as well and future generations. It is necessary for the DA's to know the state law and rules! So the assistant will not cause harm to themselves or patients.

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. I know this personally, as I walked up on an untrained assist when I first got out of dental assisting school. The patient would have died if I had not been standing their when he coded! Thanks to my Nitrous Oxide Certification I didn't have to live with what could have been.

The 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.

In closing as an instructor, I truly thinks this is not in the best interest to the dental field.

Respectfully submitted,

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