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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 a dental assistant (DA) for 15 years and I am a Registered Dental Assistant (RDA). I also hold certificates in- coronal polishing, Pit & Fissure Sealant and Nitrous Oxide monitoring.

I am not in favor of abolishing Registration or Certifications for dental assistants. We will lose our value.

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 Necessary for DA's to know state laws and SBDE (Board) rules-----

So that DA will not harm herself 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.

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,
Shelley Wells