Dear Senate Committee on Health Care,

I am a pediatric dentist with a practice in Gresham. Please support SB 835 as it is a way to help protect the public from receiving substandard care or suffering a financial hardship due to someone claiming to be a specialist.

To become a dental specialist in a specific field, one must complete a minimum of two additional years of training after completing four years of general dentistry instruction. These two additional years of training must meet specific criteria as recognized by the Commission on Dental Accreditation, the National Commission on Recognition of Dental Specialties and the U.S. Department of Education. Anyone claiming to be a dental specialist without meeting this criteria, is making false statements and deceiving the public.

If you have any questions, please contact me.

Thank you for your time and efforts.

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