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Dear Committee,

Good afternoon, I regret that I am unable to be at the hearing today. I am writing concerning Bill 835. I am a mother of 4 children and a general dentist who graduated from dental school in 2014. I have chosen to remain proactive about my continuing education; improving my skills as a dentist, with courses through Oregon Academy of General Dentistry (OAGD), study clubs, dental society meetings and most recently, Oregon American Academy of Implant Dentistry (AAID) MAXI curriculum. My plan is to keep furthering my experience and knowledge as a general dentist who can provide access to care for those desiring more specialized dental services. I am concerned that the passage of a Bill 835, as it currently reads, will negatively impact dedicated general dentists, like myself, over our careers as we strive to search out quality continued education and credentialing processes that allow us to provide affordable and accessible specialty care for our patients.

Courses such as the Oregon AAID MAXI course entail over 300+ hours of didactic studies, and 80+ surgical/practical hands on hours. To become credentialed is an even more extensive process that can be read about on the AAID and ABOI websites. Such trainings are a significant investment of time (for me as a mother), and finances (as a single income household and business owner who has employees to take care of). Bill 835 as it currently reads, will significantly limit opportunity for hundreds of dentists in the state of Oregon to provide services well within our scope of practice. It has further implications on access to patients seeking treatment for specialty care.

I would like you to consider removing or amending Bill 835 to better include alternative opportunities for dedicated dental providers who are striving to improve their skills through routes other than university based programs/residencies. Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,



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