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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2996

I am writing in opposition to this bill and have been a licensed, practicing dentist in the State of Oregon since 1999. While we do have an auxiliary workforce shortage, our duty as professionals is to treat our patients in accordance with standards of care and protect patients from harm. Reducing a minimum requirement for competence of a health care professional does not serve any of this. As a dentist, I do not want to hire someone who cannot pass a basic examination demonstrating knowledge and proficiency in one of their core duties. Please do not let this bill pass committee approval.