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On Behalf Of:

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Measure: HB2979

I encourage you to vote No on HB 2979. While this Bill proposes the taxpayers' \$20,000,000 will go to community colleges, it is actually set up to fund small businesses owned by dentists so they can train their dental assistants on the job. On the job training of dental assistants has always been allowed and FREE educational curriculum is already available to anyone through the DANB site and can also be paid for through the DALE Foundation.

Why should the taxpayer pay for these small businesses to create training manuals for their staff? Should we begin paying for all small businesses to create training manuals? Paying to create training manuals for the privileged few is not an equitable use of taxpayer resources.

I fully support taxpayer funds going to community colleges, which are doing this important job of training our workforce. Diverting tax payer funds to dentists is not the solution.

We encourage you to Vote No on HB 2979.