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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2979

HB 2979 In addition to other funding that would support promoting dental assisting and dental hygiene, section 9 and 10 asks for \$2 million of tax payer dollars to have teaching modules created and provided to dentists free of charge to train assistants on the job.

Please accept my testimony opposing HB 2979 as it is currently written. While most of the bill will support dental programs to help fill the shortage of dental assistants and dental hygienists, sections 9 and 10 ask for \$2 million of tax payer dollars for dentists to train assistants on the job. Through DANB and the DALE Foundation, there are already modules available for on \$130.00. Tax payers should not have to pay their hard earned money to provide dentists with modules that already exist and they can afford.

Please oppose sections 9 and 10 of HB 2979.

Thank you,

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