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Chair Nosse, Vice Chair Javadi and Members of the Committee

Senate Committee on Behavioral Health and Health Care

2025 Oregon Legislative Session

I am writing to you in SUPPORT of HB 2676 that if passed would enact the DDH Compact in Oregon.

I am an Expanded Practice Dental Hygienist and Dental Hygiene Educator at Lane Community College in Eugene, Oregon.

I support the DDH Compact because I know from personal experience that licensure portability is a problem. I am an Oregon resident, have lived in five states, due to my husband's work, and have been adversely affected by licensure issues and barriers in each state. Medicine and Nursing do not have these license portability issues, and I believe Dental Hygiene/Dental providers should not face licensure issues either.

I strongly urge you to refer HB 2676 to the House with a do pass recommendation.

Sincerely,

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