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To: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Re: HB 2676 is public safety risk

Dear Committee Members,

As a concerned Dentist and constituent, I am writing to you today regarding an issue of public safety in our state. HB 2676, also known as the CSG/ADA Dentist and Dental Hygienist (DDH) Compact, is a threat to public safety. HB2676 raises major concerns and lessens the current standards that have existed in dentistry in Oregon for decades.

I oppose HB 2676 because it would threaten public safety by:

- Potentially allowing untested dental professionals to practice in Oregon
- Failing to mandate full reporting of disciplinary issues and all criminal history, limiting Oregon's ability to protect patients effectively.

I also oppose HB 2676 because as a former Oregon Board of Dentistry member I have great concerns this bill will undermine the powers of the dental board. Oregon will lose control over its requirements for licensure in this state. Continuing Education requirements will not be set by the state of Oregon. I fear the mission of protecting the public will be greatly diminished by HB 2676.

I ask that you please take a stand to preserve our current standards for the profession of dentistry and oppose HB 2676

Very truly yours,

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