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Dear Mr. Grovich and Member of the State Board of Dentistry:

I am writing to support the expansion of the scope of practice of dental hygienists to include the administration of local anesthesia. As a practicing dental hygienist since 1993, the administration of local anesthesia by the dental hygienist will increase the provision of the quality of care provided by the hygienist due to the increase in patient comfort. Nothing is more frustrating than trying to scale and root plane with a patient jumping in the chair because the dentist is unable to administer anesthesia because he/she is with another patient. I have had to do this on numerous occasions in the past. This is unacceptable especially when there is a reasonable solution which is now being address.

Thank you,

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