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From: akschic545@aim.com
Sent: Thursday, September 04, 2008 12:10 PM
To: IRRC
Subject: Independent Regulatory Review Commission -Re:expansion of the scope of practice for dental hygienists

Hello, my name is Amanda Soriano Baldwin. I am a dental hygienist. I am writing in support of the expansion of the scope of practice for dental hygienists. Changes to the current supervision laws and the ability to administer anesthesia will greatly improve the dental hygienists' ability to treat patients in a timely manner. The creation of a Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner will allow a hygienist to give many more people access to preventative care when a dentist is not available. The 3 hours of continuing ed. in communication skills also sounds like a great idea for the improvement of the profession. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

Amanda Soriano Baldwin

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