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Dear Mr. Grovich,

My name is Shanna Richards, and I am a dental hygienist who cares passionately about the access to care issue. It is with great appreciation that I am writing to you in support of the proposed regulations regarding the dental hygiene scope of practice and local anesthesia. I would like to thank the State Board of Dentistry for their time and effort in creating the new regulations.

Access to preventative oral health care provided by Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners in public health settings will safely address the needs of our state's most vulnerable men, women and children. Additional wording in the regulations that would include free health clinics, such as, Water Street Rescue Mission and Community Volunteers in Medicine, would be greatly appreciated.

In addition, I would like to request your consideration of rewording the supervision of registered dental hygienist in private dental practices. Wording that would give dentist the authority to discuss the supervision needs with the dental hygienists after reviewing the patient's medical and dental history and creating a treatment plan that would meet the patient's individual needs would also be greatly appreciated.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to review and participate in the proposed amendments. I appreciate your consideration of my suggestions and support of the proposed regulations regarding the dental hygiene scope of practice and local anesthesia.

Respectfully,

Shanna B. Richards RDH

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