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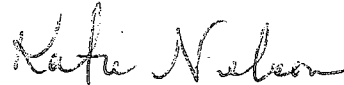
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I strongly support the following changes in dental hygiene regulations:

- Administration of local anesthesia by Registered Dental Hygienists (with 30 hr. course)
- Creation of Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner requiring certification
- Change in supervision: dentist & RDH decide the supervision needed
- Change from direct to general supervision for radiographs
- Allowing for three hours of continuing ed. in communication skills for RDHs

All these changes can only improve the RDHs' ability to provide the best care they are capable of providing to their patients. RDHs are more than ready to take on these additional responsibilities. The dental office will be a more efficient place that will provide a better service to their patients and communities.

Sincerely,



Kathryn Nelson