Christopher Grovich, State Board of Dentistry P.O. Box 2649 Harrisburg, Pa 17105-2649

Dear Sir,

I am a practicing dentist in Pennsylvania and as such, have the opportunity to employ many hygienists. I have found them to be very competent and caring individuals. I feel that the skill of administering local anesthesia should be included in the scope of their dental hygiene license. This change in dental laws has already been implemented in the majority of the states. I feel it is time for Pennsylvania to change its philosophy and allow hygienists to administer local anesthesia.

Thank you for time and consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

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