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Subject: Rulemaking 16A-4633 (Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner Practice Sites)

Dear Regulatory Counsel, John F. Erhard, III, DDS, Chairperson and State Board of Dentistry Members,

I am a certified Pediatric Nurse Practitioner currently licensed in the Commonwealth and President of Amy Requa Health Consulting, Inc. I work closely with Head Start and Early Head Start programs across the state to improve oral health for over 35,000 of our most vulnerable children and families.

On behalf of Amy Requa Health Consulting, Inc., I am writing today to express support for the regulatory changes to allow Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioners to practice in more settings. These changes will provide better access to care for patients and assist them in finding a dental home. PHDHPs are not permitted to diagnose, but they can assess a patient and provide a warm hand off to a dental home while providing preventive services. Medical/dental integration is especially relevant with the expansion into medical offices. Oral health needs to be integrated into all aspects of healthcare.

In summary, Amy Requa Health Consulting, Inc., supports rulemaking 16A-4633 Public Health Dental Hygiene Practitioner Practice Sites and respectfully requests acceptance of the rulemaking as proposed.

Thank you for your consideration and support.

Sincerely,

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