

Re: SB 993

March 13, 2013

To: Senator Gerrantana, Representative Johnson, and Members of the Public Health Committee,

I oppose SB993 –An Act Concerning Dental Assistants and Expanded Function Dental Auxiliary as written.

I ask you to consider amending this bill to include an Advanced Dental Hygiene Provider, that was in the 2012 HB-5541. At that time we participated in the PRI ( Program Review and Investigation) and in good faith a bill was brought forth, the vote resulted in a 14-14 tie. In 2005 it was brought before the house and an ADHOC committee studied the midlevel provider. There has been volumes of evidence based literature since the 1940s to support the midlevel provider as an important avenue to access to care for the underserved.

The ADHP is a dental hygienist educated at the master's degree level, focused on preventive and primary dental services to the underserved. It is for a Public Health Dental Hygienist in PUBLIC HEALTH.

I urge you to amend SB No.993 and support the ADHP.

Sincerely,

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