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Statement on

S.B. 15, AN ACT ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS V. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STATUTES

OPPOSED

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The Connecticut REALTORS® would like to submit testimony on **SB 15, AN ACT ADOPTING THE REQUIREMENTS OF NORTH CAROLINA STATE BOARD OF DENTAL EXAMINERS V. FEDERAL TRADE COMMISSION AND MAKING MINOR REVISIONS TO BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS STATUTES.**

Connecticut REALTORS® are **OPPOSED** to this bill. The Association does not believe this is a minor revision, but instead removes the ability for certain boards to act with authority and autonomy. The bill would change the authority of decisions made by certain boards within the Department of Consumer Protection to require all decisions made by such boards be subject to a ruling by the Commissioner or his/her designee. The Commissioner's ruling "shall render the final decision concerning such matter" according to the specific language in the bill.

Connecticut REALTORS® believe this action would defeat the purpose of independent boards governing the Real Estate and other industries. Connecticut REALTORS® have the utmost respect for the Office of the Commissioner of Consumer Protection, but the purpose of these independent boards is to police their various industries and certain other decisions to best serve the public. The roles of public and industry representatives are crucial to maintaining the integrity of hearings and the

appeal process to certain staff decisions. If the boards do not have the authority to act autonomously, they will be unable to fulfill their missions.

Therefore, Connecticut REALTORS® oppose SB 15. Thank you for your attention to this important matter.