



March 12, 2019

The Honorable Andrea Salinas, Chair
House Committee on Health Care

RE: Support for HB 2220

Dear Chair Salinas and Committee Members,

My name is Dr. Teri Barichello and I am the Vice President and Chief Dental Officer of Delta Dental of Oregon, ODS Community Dental and Moda.

I write to you today asking that you support HB 2220 which would allow dentists to provide vaccinations. Dentists are an integral part of delivering primary health care services to Oregonians and therefore an important partner in public health. Delta Dental of Oregon, ODS and Moda are helping Oregon move to a more integrated health care delivery system. The pathway to integration will be long and complicated but there are obvious areas to begin the process, among those include allowing dentists to provide proven preventive services such as vaccines.

We believe that HB 2220 will increase access to vaccines, lower costs and assure quality. We note that HB 2220 requires dentists to utilize existing OHA protocols and to take vaccine-specific training approved by the Board of Dentistry.

We urge you to support HB 2220.

Thank you.

Sincerely,

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Vice President and Chief Dental Officer



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