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***Allows expanded practice dental hygienists to perform interim therapeutic restorations after diagnosis by a dentist.***

Dear Senator Laurie Monnes-Anderson  
Chairperson, Senate Health Care Committee

For the record I support SB-1550A as access to dental care is an issue for Oregonians, especially the under-served in metropolitan, suburban, and rural areas.

Data collected by the Oregon Health Authority...reveal...

Oregon Dental Workforce - Provided by Oregon Health Authority (OHA)  
[https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/HealthCareWorkforceReporting/1\\_Dental\\_Wkfc\\_2016.pdf](https://www.oregon.gov/oha/HPA/ANALYTICS/HealthCareWorkforceReporting/1_Dental_Wkfc_2016.pdf)

***(1) 2,196 represents the average state wide population to dental hygiene provider.***

***(2) in 13 of 36 Oregon counties the average population to dental hygiene provider is above 3,000.***

***(3). 1,905 represents the average state wide population to dentist provider.***

***(4). in 8 of 36 Oregon counties the average population to dentist provider is above 3,000.***

We know that lack of access to dental care can lead to serious dental disease and that dental disease goes hand in hand with serious medical co-morbidity.

I advocate change that allows each health care professional to provide care at the highest level of her or his scope of practice, especially if the result is to improve access to care by vulnerable populations. I base my opinion on my decades of serving as a clinical manager of primary care at the VA Portland, my 35+ years as a faculty member at OHSU, and my 10-year term on the OHA Workforce Committee.

***DISCLAIMER - The opinions expressed herein are my own do not represent those of the VA, OHSU, or OHA Workforce Committee.***

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

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Senate District #15, Senator Riley

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