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Senate Committee on Health Care

900 Court Street NE

Salem, Oregon, 97301

Subject: Substantial concerns regarding HB 2528

Dear Members of the Senate Health Care Committee,

I am a general dentist practicing primarily in McMinnville, OR. I also travel a few days per month providing dental care to primarily Medicaid patient in Stayton, Roseburg, Coos Bay, North Bend, and Florence.

My primary concern with HB 2528 is the irreversible procedures dental therapists would be allowed to complete, without direct supervision and potential long-term complications. Seemingly simple procedures can take an adverse turn and require prompt and educated attention to mitigate long-term complications or undo pain to the patient. I believe the knowledge to ascertain managing said complications must be obtained in a doctoral-level dental school setting. I believe we need to maintain the standard of care to our patients, but not provide a diluted alternative.

Sincerely,

Evan Campbell, DMD

McMinnville, Oregon