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On Behalf Of: Concerned Dental Professionals of Oregon, Dental Patients, and Carmen Mons

Committee: Senate Committee on Health Care

Measure: SB441

I oppose Senate Bill 441 Section 3(2): "The State Workforce and Talent Development Board shall create and maintain a dental assistant training module that is available to members of the public free of cost".

The dental community in my area look to the local community college for well trained dental assistants. The safety of their patients, as well as their practices, are very important to all the dentist in the community. Not only will the suggested modular training require more time of the dentist and existing staff than hiring a well-trained assistant from an accredited program, it will place patients in an unsafe environment.

I believe Senate Bill 441 is overall a good bill, once section 3(2) and section 8 have been removed.

Thank you for taking the time to read my letter of opposition.

Respectfully,

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