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Hello My name is Sara and I oppose HB2996. I have been a certified dental assistant and expanded function dental assistant for over 12 years. I recently also completed training to receive my restorative functions certification. I take pride in the education I have pursued to ensure that not only I am an asset to dentistry but also a safe provider of dental care to my patients whom I care about. The dedication to continuing education is for the safety of my patients. Passing this legislation out patients at risk and dental professionals at a higher risk of radiation exposure. Without adequate, proper, and thorough training, future employees will further the risk of over exposure. I fear for the safety of myself and my patients. This legislation also undermines current dental assistant professionals and their contributions. I fear this will only increase the shortage of dental assistants as many may leave to pursue other careers. This will decrease wages for dental assistants. I do not believe this is the way to fix the shortage. Where is the oversight? How do we measure proficiency and understanding of "do no harm"? I worry. I hope this legislation is not supported.