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On Behalf Of:

Committee: House Committee On Behavioral Health and Health Care

Measure: HB2996

I am a dental professional in Oregon, and I urge you to vote no on this House Bill because it:

- Puts patient health and safety at risk
- Lowers the quality of patient care
- Undermines and devalues the dental assisting profession
- Will worsen the shortage of qualified providers

Dental assistants are critical members of the dental team and the duties they perform require specialized knowledge. Lowering the certification standard minimizes the value of their role in the practice and undercuts the profession, which will lead to even more workforce issues.

I strongly urge you to vote no.

Thank you for your careful consideration of what is best for the health of Oregonians.