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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Health Care
Measure: HB3223

Dear Senate Health Care Committee,
My name is Jaisa Matheson and I am here to urge support on passing HB 3223.

I have been in the dental field for 8 years. Starting my journey as a Sterilization Technician, from there I gained training and knowledge about infection control and proper dental sterilization. From there I was trained on the job by licensed dentists, assistants, hygienists, and have acquired many skills and experience which would make me fully qualified to be a certified dental assistant. I have taken the DANB recommended Dale Foundation courses including the RHS course which I have learned state rules, regulations, and ultimately passed.

There are many people like me who love to provide care for patients and don't have the money or time to do full time school and pay for the expensive state exams.

I have been supervised and trained by licensed professionals who approve of my knowledge and understanding of patient safety, along with being fully capable of providing excellent patient care, and ability to do tasks as a dental assistant.

I urge you to consider those like me who have put a lot of time and love into the field but have roadblocks that are preventing us from becoming "real" dental assistants. State exams are unnecessary, and as long as the Assistant is properly trained, the abilities and safety practices are approved by the dentist, and passes DANB approved and recommended dental courses as I did, then I believe that should be enough to become a Certified Dental Assistant.

I ask you to please support HB 3223.

Thank you for your time.